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# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF

# Select & Common Councils

OF THE

## CITY OF ALLEGHENY:

ALSO, THE

## Report of the Steward of the Poor Farm.

PITTSBURGH:
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1859.

## RESOLUTION.

*Resolved*, That the Auditing Committee be and they are hereby authorized to have their Report, together with the Aunual Reports of all the Committees, published in the usual way.

JACOB PAINTER, *President S. C.*
J. G. COFFIN, " *C. C.*

*Allegheny City, January* 13, 1859.

# REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

## FOR 1858.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny.

*Gentlemen:*

Your Committee, to whom was assigned the duty of auditing the accounts of city officers for the year 1858, would respectfully submit herewith a statement of the account of our Treasurer; also, a report of the financial condition of the city to this date.

JOSEPH KIRKPATRICK,
DAVID CAMPBELL,
DAVID A. PRESSLEY,
JOHN U. BARR,
*Committee.*

*Allegheny City, January* 13, 1859.

Dr. **DAVID MACFERRON, Treasurer, in account with the City of Allegheny.** Cr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1858, Jan. 1, | To Bal nce in Treasury, | $ 4,307 00 |
| | Proceeds of Notes discounted, | 103,482 94 |
| | Wagon, &c. Licenses, | 775 08 |
| | Amount received for sundry new plates | 1[illegible] 75 |
| | P., Ft. W. and C. R. R., Right of Way, | 3,000 00 |
| | J. Stuckrath, Mayor, fines, &c. | 797 82 |
| | A Davis, Water Assessor, new buildings, 1857 | 397 93 |
| | W. R. Philippi, Board Measurer, First Ward, | 44 96 |
| | Wm. Murdock, " Second " | 24 72 |
| | S. W. McGinniss, " Third " | 79 85 |
| | Hugh McNeal, " Fourth " | 1 02 |
| | James Huston, Wharf Master | 676 7[illegible] |
| | M. McGonnigle, Clerk of Markets, | 4,053 96 |
| | John Chambers, Weigh Ma ter, | 895 11 |
| | Ground Rent on Semin ry Lots | 1,822 78 |
| | John Stoddart, Salt Inspector, 1856 and '57, | 24 81 |
| | Thomas N. Smith, " 1858, | 63 10 |
| | John Alston, ferules, | 211 12 |
| | Arthur Hobson, Street Commissioner | 412 71 |
| | S. Bulford, Duplicate 1857, | 3,908 59 |
| | " Water tax, " | 3,020 35 |
| | " Poor " " | 1,540 72 |
| | " Duplicate 1858, | 3,703 44 |
| | " Water tax " | 3,184 21 |
| | " Poor " " | 1,015 93 |
| | John Ramsey, Duplicate 1857, | 2,243 69 |
| | " Water tax " | 2,665 19 |
| | " Poor " " | 1,106 26 |
| | " Duplicate 1858, | 3,469 44 |
| | " Water tax " | 4,085 27 |
| | " Poor " " | 700 00 |
| | A. C. Alexander, Duplicate 1857, | 750 00 |
| | " Water tax " | 2,890 35 |
| | " Poor " " | 327 38 |
| | " Duplicate 1858, | 3,160 93 |
| | " Water tax " | 4,299 48 |
| | " Poor " " | 1,117 82 |
| | James Graham, Water " 1856, | 82 70 |
| | " Duplicate 1857, | 5,284 32 |
| | " Water tax " | 4,883 30 |
| | " Poor " " | 1,916 44 |
| | " Duplicate 1858, | 5,405 00 |
| | " Water tax " | 6,225 00 |
| | " Poor " " | 1,545 00 |
| | | $189,613 22 |
| | To Balance in the Treasury, | $2,152 62 |

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| By Warrants paid on sundry appropriations: | |
| No. 1, Salaries, | $ 5,672 96 |
| No. 2, Interest, | 31,227 31 |
| No. 3, Engines, | 1,610 70 |
| No. 4, Printing, | 262 52 |
| No. 5, Streets, | 5,828 16 |
| No. 6, Wharves and Landings, | |
| No. 7, Rents, | 146 00 |
| No. 8, Surveys, | 732 77 |
| No. 9. Contingent Fund, | 1,990 62 |
| No. 10, Poor, | 9,113 55 |
| No. 11, Water Works, | 7,175 54 |
| No. 12, Outstanding Warrants, | 6,049 35 |
| No. 13, Gas, | 2,936 38 |
| City scrip redeemed, | 55 60 |
| Danforth, Wright & Co's. receipt, | 33 00 |
| Prothonotary's Fees in Redpath case, | 41 |
| Exchange and Discount, | 436 57 |
| Notes and Drafts in bank, | 113,400 00 |
| O'Conner, Brother & Co's. judgment, | 9 86 |
| One Bond redeemed, | 779 30 |
| Balance, | 2,152 62 |
| | $189,613 22 |

# Financial Report of the City of Allegheny for 1858.

| Dr. | | | Cr. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| For Foreign Bonds, - - | $447,000 00 | | By S. Bulford, 1st Ward Collector, | | |
| Domestic " - - - | 39,811 20 | | Bal. due on City Duplicate, '58, | $ 4,780 69 | |
| Seminary Property, - - | 35,000 00 | | " " Water " " | 4,733 79 | $ 9,514 48 |
| Bills Payable, - - - | 12,000 00 | | | | |
| Outstanding Warrants, 1857, | 1,137 67 | | John Ramsey, 2d Ward Collector, | | |
| " " 1858, - | 4,090 95 | | Bal. due on City Duplicate, '58, | 2,683 65 | |
| Interest on Domestic Bonds, | 200 42 | | " " Water " " | 3,958 27 | 6,641 92 |
| Balance due on Poor Account, - | 753 26 | | | | |
| | | | A. C. Alexander, 3d Ward Coll. | | |
| | | | Bal. due on City Duplicate, '58, | 1,716 83 | |
| | | | " " Water " " | 5,261 91 | 6,978 74 |
| | | | James Graham, 4th Ward Collector, | | |
| | | | Bal. due on City Duplicate, '58, | 6,931 14 | |
| | | | " " Water " " | 7,490 29 | 14,421 43 |
| | | | Rents due city on Seminary Prop'ty | 1,187 64 | |
| | | | Water Works Pipes, &c. &c. | 380,331 13 | |
| | | | Poor Farm and Improvements, | 46,967 95 | |
| | | | Fire Engine houses, lots & apparatus | 7,500 00 | |
| | | | Gas posts, &c. - - - | 4,000 00 | |
| | | | Market Houses, Scales, &c. - - | 25,298 59 | |
| | | | Seminary Property, - - | 35,000 00 | |
| | | | Cash in treasury, - - - | 2,151 62 | 502,436 93 |
| ALLEGHENY CITY, January, 1859, | | $539,993 50 | | | $539,993 50 |

# REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STREETS
## FOR 1858.

To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny.

*Gentlemen:*

The Committee on Streets would respectfully present for your consideration this their annual report of work done and materials furnished on the streets and alleys of the city during the year 1858, together with a statement showing the whole amount of grading and paving completed to this date, and the cost of the same. Also, the amount collected and the amount yet due, which is fully shown in statements marked A and B.

The amount expended during the year has been $6,344 67, as follows, viz:

| | |
|---|---|
| Streets and Crossings contracted prior to 1858, | $765 83 |
| " " " " in " | 219 82 |
| Stone, - - - - - | 9 40 |
| Hardware and Smith Work, - - | 56 81 |
| Lumber, - - - - - | 241 72 |
| Repairing Streets, - - - | 286 41 |
| Check Rolls, - - - - | 619 11 |
| Bridges, - - - - | 845 57 |
| Western Avenue, on account, - - | 3,300 00 |
| | $6,344 67 |

There have been graded and paved during the year fifteen streets and alleys, embracing a front of 16,984 feet, or about 3¼ miles, at a cost of $18,729 42, assessed as follows:—To the city, $4,583 55; to the property, $14,145 87. Of the above, there has been collected $12,769 72, leaving a balance yet due of $5,959 70, as will be seen by reference to the accompanying statement, marked "A."

The following streets, alleys and sidewalks are now under contract, and will be completed early the coming season, viz:

*Palo Alto street*, from Benton alley to Taylor avenue, to E. Bothwell, as follows: Grading, 16 cents per cubic yard; paving cartway, 53½ cents per superfical yard; brick paving, 37 cents per supficial yard; curbstone, 24½ cents per foot.

*Church avenue*, from Sandusky street to Cedar avenue; to Geo. Bothwell, as follows: Grading, 19 cents per cubic yard; brick

paving, 40 cents per superficial yard; curbstone, 25 cents per foot.

*Church avenue sidewalk*, from Federal street to Chestnut street; to Joseph Allen, as follows: Grading, 19 cents per cubic yard; brick paving, 39 cents per superficial yard; curbstone, 23 cents per foot.

*South avenue sidewalk*, from Ann street to Mrs. Cadman's, to Tilley, Rose & Co., as follows: Grading, 22 cents per cubic yard; brick paving, 28 cents per superficial yard; curbstone, 27 cents per foot.*

*Carpenter's alley,* from Sycamore to Chestnut street, to M'Intyre & M'Naughter, as follows: Grading, 13 cents per cubic yard; paving cartway, 53 cents per superficial yard.

Of the amount due January 1st, 1858, ($44,184 61,) there has been collected $10,541 12; leaving a balance yet due of $33,-643 49, as will be seen by reference to the statement marked "B."

Of the amount due the city as per last report of $5,345 57, there has been collected and paid into the City Treasury the sum of $412 71.

Since the enactment of the Paving Law for this city there have been graded and paved about 18½ miles of streets and alleys, at a cost of $257,710 25. Of this amount there has been collected and paid to the proper parties the sum of $218,107 06, leaving a balance of $39,603 19 yet due, which we believe, with our worthy and efficient Street Commissioner, Mr. A. Hobson, and a reasonable degree of prosperity among our citizens, can all be collected during the year 1859.

In closing this report, we take great pleasure in bearing testimony to the faithfulness of Mr. M'Gonnigle in the discharge of his duty as Clerk to the Committee; and the correct manner in which he has kept the accounts of the city in this department is worthy of the highest commendation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

*NOTE.—Messrs. Tilley, Rose & Co. having failed to complete their contract, the Committee were compelled to re-let the same, which they did, and awarded the contract to Joseph Allen.

WM. BOYD,
JOHN WRIGHT,
JAMES LOCKHART,
JOHN PRICE,
JAMES SLOSS,
*Committee.*

A.

# A STATEMENT

*Of the cost of Grading and Paving of the streets and alleys within the City of Allegheny for the year* 1858; *showing the whole cost of the same, the amount assessed to property holders and the city; also, the amount collected and the amount due.*

| | Whole cost of Streets. | Assessed to the City. | Assessed to the Property. | Collected. | Due. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Beach alley, from Saw Mill alley to Bank lane, | $ 109 75 | 6 75 | 103 00 | 109 75 | |
| Brown's alley, from Leacock street to Bank lane, | 295 17 | 19 17 | 276 00 | 148 01 | 147 16 |
| Carpenters' alley, from East lane to Chestnut street, grading, | 1,068 12 | 6 64 | 1,061 48 | 613 64 | 454 48 |
| " " " " paving, | 1,150 10 | 7 14 | 1,142 96 | 332 24 | 817 86 |
| Day's alley, | 695 73 | | 695 73 | 358 97 | 336 76 |
| First " from East lane to East st., between Ohio and First sts. | 369 22 | | 369 22 | | 369 22 |
| Gray's " from Leacock street to Bank lane, | 738 02 | 62 86 | 675 16 | 406 75 | 331 27 |
| Goodrich street, from Leacock street to Bank lane, | 892 49 | 122 40 | 770 09 | 154 84 | 737 65 |
| Hezlep's alley, from Hemlock, | 219 36 | | 219 36 | 37 04 | 182 32 |
| Knoll street, | 841 03 | 73 20 | 767 83 | 693 47 | 147 56 |
| Orchard alley, | 515 79 | 15 39 | 500 40 | 296 83 | 218 96 |
| Palmer's " | 125 94 | | 125 94 | | 125 94 |
| Pasture lane, from Shanappin street to City line, | 4,296 03 | 270 00 | 4,026 03 | 2,905 51 | 1,390 52 |
| Western avenue, from Webster street to Rail Road Bridge, | 3,023 91 | | 3,023 91 | 3,023 91 | |
| Western avenue, from Rail Road Bridge to Irwin's avenue, | 4,000 00 | 4,000 00 | | 3,300 00 | 700 00 |
| | $18,340 66 | $4,583 55 | $13,757 11 | $12,380 96 | $5,959 70 |
| Robinson street, from Anderson street to Gray's alley, | 388 76 | | 388 76 | 388 76 | |
| | $18,729 42 | | $14,145 87 | $12,769 72 | |

B.

# STATEMENT OF BALANCES DUE ON STREETS,

*January*, 1858, *showing how much has been collected in* 1858; *also, the balance due January*, 1859.

| | Balance, January, 1858. | Collected in 1858. | Balance, January, 1859. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Allegheny avenue, from Rebecca to Ridge street, | $718 43 | | $718 43 |
| Ann street, | 228 46 | $172 27 | 56 19 |
| Beaver street, from Ohio street to City line, | 295 60 | 176 89 | 118 71 |
| Benton alley, from Federal to Palo Alto street, | 136 15 | | 136 15 |
| Bidwell street, | 26 01 | 26 01 | |
| Bank lane, from Robinson street to South Common, | 206 16 | 156 30 | 49 86 |
| Boyle street, | 468 35 | 70 60 | 397 75 |
| Bank lane side-walk, from Craig street west, | 32 92 | 32 92 | |
| Balph alley, | 66 95 | 26 19 | 40 76 |
| Bank lane side-walk, from Anderson to Chestnut street, 1857, | 828 65 | 777 65 | 51 00 |
| Burgess alley, " | 111 15 | 111 15 | |
| Benton " west of Resacca street, " | 608 62 | 308 24 | 300 38 |
| Corry street, | 180 19 | 99 53 | 80 66 |
| Chartiers street, | 439 83 | 6 48 | 433 35 |
| Chislett's alley, | 33 00 | | 33 00 |
| Cherry street, 1857, | 1,258 64 | 973 45 | 285 19 |
| East lane, from Liberty to Ohio street, | 30 17 | | 30 17 |
| " from Ohio to Third street, | 1,176 43 | | 1,176 43 |
| " from Third street to City line, | 876 23 | 53 16 | 823 07 |
| Federal street, from North Common to Carroll street, | 454 46 | 178 26 | 276 20 |
| Fleming street, from Shanappin to Hemlock street, | 106 44 | | 106 44 |
| " from Hemlock street north, | 215 44 | 58 46 | 156 98 |
| Franklin alley, | 109 40 | 69 08 | 40 32 |
| First street, | 6,169 66 | | 6,169 66 |

## STATEMENT OF BALANCES DUE ON STREETS.—Continued.

| | Balance, January, 1858. | Collected in 1858. | Balance, January, 1859. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Grantham street, from Leacock street to Bank lane, | $222 95 | | $222 95 |
| Hemlock street, from Boyle to Fleming street, | 82 66 | | 82 66 |
| " from Fleming to Poplar street, | 183 22 | $ 90 36 | 92 86 |
| " grading from Federal to Boyle street and from Fleming to James street, | 24 19 | 5 45 | 18 74 |
| Hickory alley, | 55 57 | 55 57 | |
| Hezlep's alley, from Hemlock street to Magee alley, 1857, | 367 30 | | 367 30 |
| Jackson street, from Federal street to Pasture lane, | 429 46 | 43 19 | 386 27 |
| James street, 1857, | 1,434 75 | 1,358 19 | 76 56 |
| Liberty street, from Chestnut street to East lane, (error of $20.00 interest in 1857,) | 95 54 | 23 38 | 72 16 |
| " from East lane to East Commons, | 351 35 | 304 66 | 46 69 |
| Leacock street, from Grantham to Hope street, | 271 14 | | 271 14 |
| " from Hope street to East lane, | 67 00 | 67 00 | |
| " from Federal street to West Bank lane, | 302 19 | | 302 19 |
| Locust street, | 110 32 | | 110 32 |
| Ledlie street, | 22 50 | 22 50 | |
| Main street, | 40 73 | 40 73 | |
| Morgan street, from Leacock street to Bank lane, | 136 51 | | 136 51 |
| Middle alley, from North Common to Sampson street, | 177 80 | 77 92 | 99 88 |
| McBrier's alley, | 42 72 | 20 32 | 22 40 |
| Ohio street, from Webster street to east side of East Common, and from East lane to City line, | 222 58 | | 222 58 |
| " from Sycamore street to City line, | 97 58 | 97 58 | |
| " side walk from East Common to Sycamore street, | 10 65 | | 10 65 |
| Pitt alley, from Diamond to North Common, | 76 82 | 76 82 | |
| " from Gay to Water alley, 1857, | 266 88 | 237 98 | 28 90 |
| " from Water alley to South Common, 1857, | 209 11 | 209 11 | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Palo Alto street, from Shanappin street to Benton alley, | 10 34 | | 10 34 |
| Pump alley, | 51 02 | | 51 02 |
| Poplar street, | 292 97 | 253 21 | 39 76 |
| Perry street, from East lane to Chestnut street, 1857, | 1,850 44 | 782 64 | 1,067 80 |
| Rebecca street, from Craig street to Allegheny avenue, | 622 17 | 89 45 | 532 72 |
| Rebecca street, from Allegheny avenue to Water lane, | 2,136 39 | 1,416 85 | 719 54 |
| Robinson street, from Craig to Federal street, | 12 78 | | 12 78 |
| " from Federal to Anderson street, Fourth Ward, | 147 81 | | 147 81 |
| " from Craig street to Bank lane, First Ward, | 304 06 | 117 82 | 186 24 |
| Resacca street, | 203 65 | 141 25 | 62 40 |
| Rose and Vine alleys, | 24 73 | | 24 73 |
| Sandusky street, from Bank lane to the Canal, | 41 75 | | 41 75 |
| Saw Mill alley, from East lane to Chestnut street, | 104 13 | 69 55 | 34 58 |
| Sturgeon street, | 87 08 | 87 08 | |
| Second street, from East lane to East Common, | 4,401 07 | | 4,401 07 |
| Stockton avenue, side walk, | 50 30 | 50 30 | |
| Third street, from East lane to East Common, | 4,440 13 | | 4,440 13 |
| " grading from East lane to Chestnut street, | 910 40 | 108 30 | 802 10 |
| Tremont street, | 2,375 22 | | 2,375 22 |
| Tomato street, 1857, | 474 51 | 373 11 | 101 40 |
| Temperance alley, 1857, | 274 97 | 274 97 | |
| Union avenue, grading, | 21 07 | | 21 07 |
| Virgin alley, | 10 64 | 10 64 | |
| Voeghtly street, | 70 67 | 70 67 | |
| Water lane, from Irwin's avenue to Fulton street, | 178 43 | 123 28 | 55 15 |
| Walnut street, from Main street to the Canal, | 243 80 | 170 79 | 73 01 |
| White Oak alley, | 1,017 76 | 373 61 | 644 15 |
| West street, from Ohio to Shanappin street, | 3,747 46 | | 3,747 46 |
| | $44,184 61 | $10,541 12 | $33,643 49 |

# REPORT OF WATER COMMITTEE

## FOR 1858.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny.

*Gentlemen:*

Herewith we present our report of assessments, collections, &c., for 1858; also, the report of our Superintendent and Assessor—the former showing the amount expended for running our works, and also for extension of pipes, &c., &c., together with the amount of revenue as assessed. We also submit statements of our Collectors, showing the balance due the city for water; all of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH KIRKPATRICK,
WILLIAM WALKER,
D. A. PRESSLEY,
SIMON DUNN,
DAVID NEASE,
*Committee.*

# REPORT OF THE STEWARD OF THE POOR FARM.

| Year 1858. | Balance on hand. | Tin and Hardware. | Meat. | Coal. | Miscellaneous. | Out-door Relief. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January,... | $540 | | | | $ 58 28 | $ 61 85 |
| February, . | | | | | 59 69 | 64 85 |
| March, ..... | | | | | 30 19 | 132 30 |
| April, ..... | | | | | 61 44 | 68 25 |
| May, ..... | | | | | 10 50 | 58 00 |
| June,. ..... | | | $400 00 | | 34 00 | 60 00 |
| July,..... | | | 82 01 | | 33 22 | 82 50 |
| August,.... | | | | | 52 52 | 82 00 |
| September, | | | | | 11 93 | 71 70 |
| October, ... | | | | $125 00 | 124 93 | 82 75 |
| November, | | | 400 00 | | 67 74 | 166 92 |
| December,. | | 83 19 | 167 64 | 376 73 | 343 39 | |
| | $540 | $83 19 | $1,049 65 | $501 73 | $887 83 | $931 12 |

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|---|---|
| Requisitions, | 7,169 31 |
| Out-door Relief, | 830 70 |
| Miscellaneous, | 107 50 |
| | $9,134 00 |

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|---|---|
| Shoes, | 290 80 |
| Dry Goods, | 512 13 |
| Soap and Candles, | 145 52 |
| Tin and Hardware, | 83 19 |
| Meat, | 1,049 65 |
| Coal, | 501 73 |
| Miscellaneous. | 887 83 |
| Out-door Relief, | 931 12 |
| By Balance, | 262 70 |
| | $9,134 00 |

N. B. The difference observable between the Dr. and Cr. of Out-door Relief Account, arises from bills which properly fall under that title, having been paid out of the *general* receipts, no *particular requisitions* having been made for them.

# REPORT OF THE STEWARD OF THE POOR FARM.

## B.

Number Paupers, December 31, 1857,.....115
" admitted since,.....111
" Births,..... 4 230

" Discharged,.....104
" Died,..... 15 119

On hand, December 31, 1858,..... 111

Males, 59; Females, 52.

No. of days, 41,912÷365 = 114. 8. = Average number of paupers for the year. The whole cost of whom, exclusive of out-door relief,—$7,940.18 ÷114.8=$69.16 per head for year, and $1.33 per week for each pauper

Insane Department,
Number paying board,..... 1
Insane City Paupers,
Males 3, Females 11,.....14
15

## C.

### Inventory of Stock, Produce and Outstanding Debts.

| | |
|---|---|
| 2 Horses,... | $350 00 |
| 2 Mules,..... | 400 00 |
| 8 Cows and 1 Bull,..... | 180 00 |
| 4 Wagons, 1 Cart, 1 Wood-mill,..... | 125 00 |
| 16 Pigs,..... | 64 00 |
| Farming Utensils,..... | 150 00 |
| 72 Hot-bed Sash, at $2 00,..... | 144 00 |
| Manure on hand,..... | 75 00 |
| 25 bushels Onions,..... | 25 00 |
| 75 " Rye, at 60 cts..... | 45 00 |
| 200 " Oats, at 40 cts..... | 80 00 |
| | $1,538 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Amount brought up,..... | | $1,538 00 |
| 300 bushels Potatoes, at 50 cts ..... | | 150 00 |
| 100 " Parsnips, at 50 cts..... | | 50 00 |
| 3000 lbs. Pork and Lard, at 6½ cts..... | | 195 00 |
| 15 tons Hay, at $10.00,..... | | 150 00 |
| Debts Receivable, | | |
| Birmingham Borough,..... | $ 99 43 | |
| City of Pittsburgh,..... | 100 00 | |
| New Castle Borough,..... | 156 00 | |
| Allegheny County, about,..... | 275 00 | |
| Lorenz, Stewart & Co..... | 50 00 | 680 43 |
| | | $2,763 43 |

## A.

### RECAPITULATION.

**RECEIPTS.**

1858.

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance on hand December 31, 1857,.....$ | 540 71 |
| Boarding Paupers,..... | 78 00 |
| Marketing,..... | 407 78 |
| Requisitions,..... | 7,169 31 |
| Out-door Relief,..... | 830 70 |
| Miscellaneous,..... | 107 50 |
| | $9,134 00 |

**EXPENDITURES.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Salaries,..... | $1,290 00 |
| Labor,..... | 775 00 |
| Flour and Groceries,..... | 2,404 33 |
| Shoes,..... | 290 80 |
| Dry Goods,..... | 512 13 |
| Soap and Candles,..... | 145 52 |
| Tin and Hardware,..... | 83 19 |
| Meat,..... | 1,049 65 |
| Coal,..... | 501 73 |
| Miscellaneous,..... | 887 83 |
| Out-door Relief,..... | 931 12 |
| By Balance,..... | 262 70 |
| | $9,134 00 |

N. B. The difference observable between the Dr. and Cr. of Out-door Relief Account, arises from bills which properly fall under that title, having been paid out of the *general* receipts, no *particular requisitions* having been made for them.

| Year 1858. | Balance on hand. | Boarding Paupers. | Marketing. | Requisitions. | Out-door Relief. | Miscellaneous. | 1858. | Salaries. | Labor. | Flour Groceries. | Shoes. | Dry Goods. | Soap Candles. | Tin and Hardware. | Meat. | Coal. | Miscellaneous. | Out-door Relief. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January,.... | $540 71 | | | | | | January,..... | | | | | | | | | | $ 58 28 | $ 61 85 |
| February,... | | | | | | | February,.... | | | | | | | | | | 59 69 | 59 69 |
| March,..... | | | $2 75 | | $61 85 | | March,..... | $333 33 | | | | | | | | | 63 13 | 61 44 |
| April,..... | | | 12 50 | | 64 85 | | April,..... | 200 00 | | | | | | | | | 133 30 | 133 30 |
| May,..... | | | 10 75 | | 159 25 | | May,..... | | | | | | | | | | 61 75 | 61 75 |
| June,..... | | | 17 75 | | 69 25 | | June,..... | | | | | | | | | | 10 50 | 63 25 |
| July,..... | | | 23 25 | | 58 00 | | July,..... | | $110 00 | | | | | | | | 34 00 | 58 00 |
| August,.... | | | 72 51 | 500 00 | 60 00 | | August,..... | 200 00 | | | | | | | | | 33 25 | 60 00 |
| September, | | 7 00 | 34 40 | 722 85 | 83 50 | | September, | | | 622 85 | | | $14 95 | | $400 00 | | 53 25 | 83 50 |
| October,... | | | 63 | | 60 00 | | October,... | | | | | | | | 82 01 | | 11 95 | 60 00 |
| November, | | 50 00 | 14 | 200 00 | 83 75 | | November, | 400 00 | | | 100 00 | | | | | $125 00 | 124 93 | 83 75 |
| December,.. | | | 80 | 400 00 | 77 70 | | December,.... | | | 654 66 | | | | | 400 00 | | 67 74 | 77 70 |
| | | | 27 | 1,200 00 | 67 00 | | | | | 1,119 52 | 190 80 | 512 13 | 130 57 | 83 19 | 167 64 | 376 73 | 343 30 | 146 92 |
| | | | 129 80 | 4,146 46 | 107 50 | | | 456 67 | 665 00 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | $1,290 00 | $775 00 | $2,404 33 | $290 80 | $512 13 | $145 52 | $83 19 | $1,049 65 | $501 73 | $887 83 | $931 12 |

# Report of the Assessor and Register of Water Rents

## FOR 1858.

To the Water Committee.

*Gentlemen:*

The following is a detailed report of the assessments made on the various establishments and dwellings throughout the city and vicinity using the hydrant water; the number of dwellings, planing and saw mills, &c., that have no city water; the number of new buildings erected in the city in 1858; the total number of buildings the city contains, with the number of families; the number of owners of said buildings, and the number of owners living in and occupying the said buildings in the city, together with the population of said city; all of which is as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 3,740 | Dwellings, pay - - - - | $26,625 46 |
| 288 | Stores, with Dwellings attached, - | 2,279 00 |
| 83 | Stores and Offices separate from Dwellings, | 415 00 |
| 82 | Miscellaneous Work-shops, - - | 425 00 |
| 14 | Schools and Colleges, - - - | 85 00 |
| 24 | Churches and 4 Halls, - - - | 151 25 |
| 1 | House of Industry, - - - | 25 00 |
| 7 | Cotton and Woolen Mills - - - | 1,075 25 |
| 7 | Planing and Saw Mills, - - | 241 00 |
| 5 | Foundries, - - - - | 205 00 |
| 3 | Flour Mills, - - - - | 320 00 |
| 5 | Oil Mills and White Lead Factories, - | 320 00 |
| 5 | Machine Shops and Edge-tool Factories, | 185 00 |
| 9 | Tanneries, - - - - | 660 00 |
| 3 | Cabinet and Chair Factories - - | 71 00 |
| 10 | Breweries, - - - - | 820 00 |
| 3 | Distilleries, - - - - | 580 00 |
| 1 | Soap and Candle Factory, - - - | 30 00 |
| 5 | Livery Stables, - - - - | 275 00 |
| 76 | Taverns, Hotels and Beer Halls, - - | 1,816 00 |
| 1 | Starch Factory, - - - | 50 00 |
| 1 | Gas Works, - - - - | 150 00 |
| 2 | Rail Road Depots, - - - | 1,125 00 |
| 1 | State Prison, containing 218 prisoners, - | 375 00 |
| 1 | Brickyard, - - - - | 26 00 |
| 88 | Hose, for street and pavement, - - | 270 50 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 421 Horses and Mules, not including livery stables, | | 526 25 |
| 223 Cows, - - - - - | | 111 50 |
| To Assessment on New Buildings, 1858, - | | 417 25 |
| Total, - - - - - | | $39,655 46 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| First Ward and Manchester, - - | $ 7,918 00 | |
| Second Ward, Manchester and Reserve, | 8,043 54 | |
| Third Ward and Reserve, - - | 9,561 38 | |
| Fourth Ward and Duquesne borough, | 13,715 29 | |
| | $39,238 21 | |
| Reductions and Exonerations, $169 00 | | |
| To am'nt of Assessment on New Buildings, | 417 25 | |
| | | $39,655 46 |

There are 114 dwellings, 5 planing and saw mills, and 1 white lead factory in the city, that have no city water. There have been 89 new buildings erected in 1858, in the city of Allegheny, at a cost of $152,150. The city contains 4,410 buildings, including 2,242 brick, 2,148 frame, 5 stone, 3 log and 12 row plaster houses. The number of separate and distinct families occupying the said buildings is 5,183. The number of persons owning the said builings is 3,194, and the number of owners living in and occupying the said buildings is 1,672.

It will be seen by the above statement that near one-fifth of the separate and distinct families are obliged to rent and occupy parts and parcels of houses, which many of them would not do if they could obtain small tenements. There might be two or three hundred medium-sized houses more rented in the city of Allegheny, with the present population. Men of capital may make a safe investment in erecting small houses. It would not only pay them a good percentage, but accommodate many of the citizens and add to the general welfare and prosperity of the city.

The city of Allegheny contains a population of 26,417 inhabitants, classified as follows:—18,443 persons over ten years of age, and 7,974 under ten years. Our city is gradually on the increase both in building and population. With proper care and attention to the assessment, the city may expect a gradual increase of revenue from the water.

Respectfully submitted.

A. DAVIS,
*Assessor and Register.*

*Allegheny City, January* 5, 1859.

# Report of John Alston, Superintendent of Water Works,

January, 1859.

To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny.

*Gentlemen:*

The following is a statement of the current Expenses, the amount of Pipes, Fire-plugs, Stop-cocks, &c., for the distribution of water. The following extensions were made in 1858:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| First Street, | four-inch pipe, | 1,006 | feet. |
| Second Street, | " " | 125 | " |
| West Street, | " " | 875 | " |
| Middle Street, | " " | 1,072 | " |
| Green Street, | " " | 250 | " |
| Hemlock Street, | " " | 220 | " |
| White Oak Alley, | " " | 360 | " |
| Monterey Street | " " | 515 | " |
| Shields Alley, | " " | 140 | " |
| Jefferson Street, | " " | 215 | " |
| Bank Street, | " " | 250 | " |
| Marshall Street, | " " | 460 | " |
| Carpenter Alley, | " " | 280 | " |
| Duquesne Borough, | two-inch pipe, | 200 | " |
| | | 5,968 | feet. |
| Add former amount, | | 97,323 | " |

Total, 19 miles 2,971 feet.
Number of Fire-plugs in city, 151.
Number of Stop-cocks, " 213.

CURRENT EXPENSES OF WORKS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid for Coal and Slack, | $3,014 43 | |
| " Firemen and Assistant Engineer, | 1,270 12 | |
| " Oils, &c., | 141 50 | |
| " Casting, | 177 17 | |
| " Packing and Rope, | 149 33 | |
| " Repairs, | 170 45 | |
| " Engineer's Salary, | 750 00 | |
| *Total Running Expenses,* | | $ 5,673 00 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| " | Hose, - - - | 90 00 | |
| " | Watchman at Basin, - - | 30 00 | |
| " | Repairs at Basin and Vault, - | 24 50 | |
| | *Repairs*, - | | 144 50 |
| Paid for | Locust Posts, for Fence, - | 50 00 | |
| " | Lumber, - - - | 188 62 | |
| " | Hauling, - - - | 24 50 | |
| " | Labor and Nails, - - | 92 25 | |
| | *Fencing*, - | | 355 37 |
| Paid for | Labor, Repairing Pipe, Inserting Ferules, &c., - | 716 62 | |
| " | Tools and Repairing, - - | 26 17 | |
| " | Lumber, - - - | 58 81 | |
| " | Hauling, &c., - - - | 35 96 | |
| " | Paving, - - - | 18 78 | |
| " | Ferules, - - - | 419 28 | |
| | | | 1,275 62 |
| Paid for | Pipes, - - - | $2,913 34 | |
| " | Labor, - - - | 1,116 95 | |
| " | Lead, - - - | 320 82 | |
| " | Fire-plugs, - - - | 165 29 | |
| " | Stop-cocks, - - | 165 26 | |
| " | Paving, - - - | 130 11 | |
| " | Lumber, Hauling, &c., - | 68 91 | |
| " | Fire-plug Boxes, - - - | 18 00 | |
| | Add to original cost, - | | 4,898 68 |
| | | | $12,347 17 |
| | Less Ferules paid city, | $211 12 | |
| | Due the city, - | 250 75 | |
| | | | 461 87 |
| | Total Expenses, - | | $11,885 30 |
| | Paid for Pipe, Labor, &c. - - | | 4,898 68 |
| | Current Expenses of the year, | | $6,986 62 |

Total Assessment, $39,655 46.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN ALSTON,

*Allegheny City, January*, 1859. *Superintendent.*

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MARKET COMMITTEE.

To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny.

*Gentlemen:*

The Committee on Market, in making their annual return, would respectfully report—

That the whole amount of revenue derived from the Markets for the year 1858, was, for Butcher Stalls, Garden Stands, &c.—$4,053 96. During the year warrants were ordered to be drawn on the Treasurer for the sum of $112 06, of which amount the sum of $21 19 was for bills of 1857.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES LOCKHART,
S. DRUM,
H. S. FLEMING,
D. CAMPBELL,
WM. BOYD,
*Committee.*

## Annual Report of the Gas Committee.

To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny.

*Gentlemen:*

The Committee on Gas, in making their annual return, would respectfully report—

That at the present time there are erected within the city one hundred and seventy-six Lamp Posts, of which one hundred and seventy-five are lighted—distributed among the wards as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| First Ward, - - - | 43 |
| Second Ward (one not lighted), - - | 34 |
| Third Ward, - - - | 37 |
| Fourth Ward, - - - - | 62 |
| | 176 |

The whole amount expended, and for which warrants were ordered to be drawn on the Treasurer, for the year 1858, was $4,064 79, of which sum $156 88 was for Posts, Lamps and Repairs; leaving the sum of $3,907 71 as the net cost of lighting the City, Markets, Town House and Mayor's Office.

The contract of the city with the Gas Company for lighting the city has expired, and we recommend that its renewal be acted upon by the new Council without delay.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN PRICE,
D. A. PRESSLEY,
ALEX. MOORE,
SIMON DRUM,
*Committee.*

## Annual Report of the Committee on Printing,

To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny.

*Gentlemen:*

The Committee on Printing, in making their annual statements, would respectfully report—

The whole amount for which warrants were ordered to be drawn during the year 1858, was $585 37, of which $112 66 was for bills of 1857; leaving $472 71 for the current expenses of 1858.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. A. PRESSLEY,
F. BECKERT,
JOHN PRICE,
*Committee.*

## Annual Report of the Committee on Engines.

To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny.

*Gentlemen:*

The Committee on Engines, in making their annual statement, would respectfully report—

That the whole amount expended for the Fire Department, and for which warrants were ordered to be drawn on the Treasurer for the year 1858, was $2,589 90; of which the sum of $360 95 was for bills prior to 1858.

For new Hose, $712 65; Bells and Screws for Hose, $322 02; leaving the sum of $1,194 28 for repairs and expenses of the different Ward Hose Companies.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. W. WHITE,
F. BECKERT,
ALFRED SLACK,
JAMES MARSHALL,
CASPER GANG,
*Committee.*

# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF

STANDING COMMITTEES

OF

# Select and Common Councils

OF THE

# CITY OF ALLEGHENY;

ALSO, THE

## Report of the Steward of the Poor Farm.

PITTSBURGH:

PRINTED BY W. S. HAVEN, CORNER OF WOOD AND THIRD STREETS.

1860.

# Report of the Auditing Committee for 1859.

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*To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN—The Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of the City Officers for the year 1859, have performed the duty assigned them, and herewith submit their report.

Having examined the books of the Treasurer, we submit also a report of the financial condition of the city to this date.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANDREW D. SMITH,
JOHN ATWELL,
W. W. BALL,
JNO. WRIGHT,
*Committee.*

ALLEGHENY CITY, July 12, 1860

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1859. | | | |
| Jan. 14, To Balance in Treasury, | | | $ 2,152 62 |
| " Notes discounted, | | $35,000 00 | |
| " Less discount, | | 855 02 | |
| Net proceeds, | | | 34,144 98 |
| " Wagons, &c. licenses | | $1,090 08 | |
| " Less 3 per cent. commissions, | | 32 70 | |
| | | | 1,057 38 |
| " Amount received for new plates, | | | 12 00 |
| " P. F. W. & C. R. R. Co. right of way, 1858, | | $ 600 00 | |
| " " " " " " " 1859, | | 3,000 00 | |
| " " " " rent of triangular lot on S. C. | | 318 75 | |
| | | | 3,918 75 |
| " John Morrison, Mayor, fines, &c. | | | 36 00 |
| " James Miller, Ald. Third Ward fines, | | | 2 77 |
| " J. H. Scott, " Fourth, " | | | 5 00 |
| " J. Whitsell, fine for use of Directors of Poor, | | | 20 00 |
| " A. Hobson, Street Commissioner, | | | 983 81 |
| " J. Sanders, per A. Davis, for use of water, | | | 3 00 |
| " A. Davis, Collector of water rents on N. B. | | | 422 47 |
| " John Alston, ferules | | | 314 15 |
| " M. M'Gonnigle, Clerk of Markets, | | | 4,167 71 |
| " John Moon, Weigh Master at Diamond Scales, | | | 601 40 |
| " J. Chambers, " " 2d Ward " | | | 587 74 |
| " T. N. Smith, Salt Inspector, | | | 61 55 |
| " Ground rent on Seminary lots, | | | 1,763 21 |
| " Alexander Gray, Board Measurer, First Ward, | | | 45 18 |
| " Wm. Murdock, " " Second " | | | 61 |
| " S. W. M'Ginniss, " " Third " | | | 56 26 |
| " James Houston, Wharf Master, | | | 539 26 |
| " S. Bulford, Duplicate | 1858, | | 3,864 24 |
| " " Water tax | 1858, | | 3,674 73 |
| " " Poor " | 1858, | | 1,507 98 |
| " " Duplicate | 1859, | | 3,500 00 |
| " " Water tax | 1859, | | 3,150 00 |
| " " Poor " | 1859, | | 905 00 |
| " John Ramsay, Duplicate | 1858, | | 2,235 63 |
| " " Water tax | 1858, | | 2,887 94 |
| " " Poor " | 1858, | | 1,216 53 |
| " " Duplicate | 1859, | | 3,518 06 |
| " " Water tax | 1859, | | 4,151 56 |
| " " Poor " | 1859, | | 551 24 |
| " A. C. Alexander, Water tax | 1857, | | 71 00 |
| " " Duplicate | 1858, | | 1,468 43 |
| " " Water tax | 1858, | | 4,272 08 |
| " " Poor " | 1858, | | 392 58 |
| " " Duplicate | 1859, | | 2,701 57 |
| " " Water tax | 1859, | | 3,370 00 |
| " " Poor " | 1859, | | 900 00 |
| " James Graham, Duplicate | 1858, | | 6,251 05 |
| " " Water tax | 1858, | | 6,513 23 |
| " " Poor " | 1858, | | 2,250 64 |
| " " Duplicate | 1859, | | 4,995 00 |
| " " Water tax | 1859, | | 5,249 00 |
| " " Poor " | 1859, | | 1,630 00 |
| | | | $122,123 34 |
| 1860. Jan. 12, To Balance in the Treasury, | | | $7,998 01 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By Warrants paid on sundry appropriations, as follows: | | |
| No. 1, Salaries, | | $ 5,433 20 |
| No. 2, Interest, | | 31,244 09 |
| No. 3, Engines, | | 1,046 89 |
| No. 4, Printing, | | 143 92 |
| No. 5, Streets, | | 1,489 92 |
| No. 6, Wharves and Landings, | | 200 00 |
| No. 7, Rents, | | 224 50 |
| No. 8, Surveys, | | 426 25 |
| No. 9. Contingent Fund, | | 1,645 02 |
| No. 10, Poor, | | 7,103 06 |
| No. 11. Water, | | 7,594 00 |
| No. 12, Outstanding Warrants, | | 9,297 21 |
| No. 13. Gas, | | 3,872 67 |
| " City Scrip redeemed and destroyed, | $20 00 | |
| " Interest paid on same, | 10 00 | |
| | | 30 00 |
| " Expenses of legislation, | | 100 00 |
| " Redemption of lot in Seminary purchase, | | 15 87 |
| " C. Hasbrook's judgment, | | 20 91 |
| " Advertisement to pay July interest, | | 3 37 |
| " Discount on currency, | | 231 57 |
| " Premium for check on Philadelphia, | | 2 85 |
| " Notes in Bank paid, | | 44,000 00 |
| " Balance, | | 7,998 01 |
| | | $122,123 34 |

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CITY OF ALLEGHENY FOR 1859.

**Dr.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For Foreign Bonds, | | $447,000 00 |
| " Domestic " | | 39,811 20 |
| " Seminary Property, | | 35,000 00 |
| " Bills Payable,... | | 12,000 00 |
| " Outstanding Warrants, 1858, | $1,556 60 | |
| " " " 1859, | 3,609 48 | |
| " " " or due, | 3,554 70 | |
| | | 8,720 78 |
| " Interest on Domestic Bonds, | | 561 39 |
| " Balance Due on Poor Account, | | 3,024 37 |
| | | $546,117 74 |

**Cr.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By S. Bulford, 1st Ward Collector: | | |
| Balance due on Duplicate, 1859, | $ 4,432 80 | |
| " " Water tax, 1859, | 4,753 90 | |
| | | $9,186 70 |
| " John Ramsay, 2d Ward Collector: | | |
| Balance due on Duplicate, 1859, | 2,949 27 | |
| " " Water tax, 1859, | 4,586 24 | |
| | | 7,535 51 |
| " A. C. Alexander, 3d Ward Collector: | | |
| Balance due on Duplicate, 1859, | 2,165 29 | |
| " " Water tax, 1859, | 6,961 65 | |
| | | 9,126 94 |
| " James Graham, 4th Ward Collector: | | |
| Balance due on Duplicate, 1859, | 5,999 98 | |
| " " Water tax, 1859, | 9,055 37 | |
| | | 15,055 35 |
| " Rents due City, on Seminary Property, including right of way through ditto..... | 1,084 95 | |
| " Water Works, Pipes, &c. | 383,750 73 | |
| " Poor Farm and Improvements, | 46,967 95 | |
| " Fire Engines, Houses, Lots & Apparatus,... | 7,500 00 | |
| " Gas Posts, &c | 4,500 00 | |
| " Market Houses, Scales, &c. | 18,411 61 | |
| " Seminary Property, | 35,000 00 | |
| " Cash in Treasury, | 7,998 00 | |
| | | 505,213 24 |
| | | $546,117 47 |

# Report of Committee on Streets for 1859.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Streets submit their annual report of work done and materials furnished for the year 1859, with a statement showing the amount of grading and paving done in the year 1859; also, a statement showing the whole amount of grading and paving completed to this date, the amounts collected and the amount yet due, which is fully set forth in the papers marked A. and B.

The amount expended by order of Councils and the Committee for the current year, has been $2,811.24, as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Monthly Check Rolls,. | $ 400 60 |
| Check Roll for repairing streets, special appropriation of $700 | 454 81 |
| " " " cleaning " " " 500 | 430 62 |
| " " " repairing Pasture and Island Lanes, " 50 | 49 98 |
| Street crossings prior to 1859, | 894 59 |
| " " in " | 377 74 |
| Stone and lumber, | 158 52 |
| Hardware and blacksmith work, | 44 39 |
| Total, | $2,811 24 |

There have been graded and paved during the year, fourteen streets, side walks and alleys, besides a part of the side walks on four streets, embracing a front of 10,563 feet, or two miles, at a cost of $20,864.88, assessed as follows: to the City, $1,113.46; to the property, $19,751.42. Of the above there has been collected and paid over to the contractors $10,853.82, leaving a balance yet due of $1,000.06, as is fully shown in paper marked A.

Of the amount due Jan. 1st, 1859, ($39,613.99,) there has been collected $10,195.99, leaving a balance yet due of $29,-418.00, as will be seen by reference to paper marked B.

Of the amount due the City, as per last report, of $4,932.86, there has been collected and paid over to the City Treasurer the sum of $707, leaving a balance yet due of $4,225.86.

Since the enactment of the paving law for this city (1849), there have been graded and paved about 20½ miles of streets, sidewalks and alleys, at a cost of $278,575.13; of which amount there has been collected and paid to the contractors the sum of $239,156.87, leaving a balance due and uncollected of $39,-419.26. A large portion of the above balance is for grading and paving done through the property of E. W. H. Schenley and Wm. M. Darlington, in the Third Ward, and now awaits the decision of the Supreme Court.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN WRIGHT,
JOHN ALEXANDER,
JOSEPH LOVE,
J. G. COFFIN,
*Committee.*

A.

# A Statement of the Cost and Expenses of Grading and Paving of the Streets and Alleys

**Within the City of Allegheny for the year 1859; showing the whole cost of same, the amount assessed to the property holders, the amount assessed to the city, the amount collected, and the amount due January 1st, 1860.**

| | Whole cost of Streets. | Assessed to City. | Assessed to Property. | Collected. | Due. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anderson street sidewalk (unpaved), from Bank lane to the Canal, | $34 68 | ..... | $34 68 | $34 68 | ..... |
| Boreland's alley, from Rebecca street to South avenue, grading, | 28 40 | ..... | 28 40 | 28 40 | ..... |
| " " " " " paving, | 224 90 | $ 10 00 | 214 90 | ..... | 224 90 |
| Church avenue sidewalk, from Federal to Sandusky street, | 354 35 | 31 08 | 323 27 | 354 35 | ..... |
| " " " Sandusky to Anderson street, | 1,671 54 | 37 98 | 1,633 56 | 345 13 | 1,326 41 |
| " street, grading, " " | 982 42 | 491 21 | 491 21 | 752 06 | 230 36 |
| Carpenter's alley, from Chestnut to Sycamore street, | 559 20 | 17 01 | 542 19 | 296 71 | 262 49 |
| First alley, between East and Middle streets, | 492 07 | ..... | 492 07 | 249 01 | 243 06 |
| Lacock street sidewalk (unpaved), from Federal to Hope street, | 280 63 | ..... | 280 63 | 245 17 | 35 46 |
| Liberty " " " East lane to Chestnut street, | 85 88 | ..... | 85 88 | 69 38 | 16 50 |
| Main " " " Chestnut to Cherry street, | 82 87 | ..... | 82 87 | 82 87 | ..... |
| Middle " | 3,478 50 | 211 46 | 3,267 04 | 370 04 | 3,108 46 |
| North " from Ohio to Washington street, | 1,397 11 | 102 71 | 1,294 40 | 1,208 89 | 188 22 |
| Palo Alto " | 1,406 99 | 42 05 | 1,364 94 | 1,120 66 | 286 33 |
| South avenue sidewalk, | 5,690 70 | ..... | 5,690 70 | 3,319 66 | 2,371 04 |
| Virgin alley, from East lane to Mary street, | 570 50 | ..... | 570 50 | 219 83 | 350 67 |
| Washington street, from Bissell's east line to North street, | 933 96 | 44 72 | 889 24 | 812 56 | 121 40 |
| Webster street, | 2,590 18 | 125 24 | 2,464 94 | 1,344 42 | 1,245 76 |
| Whole cost of streets and alleys, | $20,864 88 | | | | |
| Assessed to City, | | $1,113 46 | | | |
| " Property, | | | $19,751 42 | | |
| Collected, | | | | $10,853 82 | |
| Due, | | | | | $10,011 06 |

B.

# STATEMENT OF BALANCES DUE ON STREETS, JANUARY, 1859,

Showing how much has been collected in 1859; also, the balance due January, 1860.

| | Balance due Jan. 1859. | Collected in 1859. | Balance due Jan. 1860. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Allegheny avenue, from Rebecca to Ridge street, | $718 43 | ..... | $718 43 |
| Ann street, | 56 19 | $56 19 | ..... |
| Beaver street, from Ohio street to City line, | 118 71 | 23 24 | 95 47 |
| Benton alley, from Federal to Palo Alto street, | 136 15 | 136 15 | ..... |
| Bank lane, from Robinson street to South Common, | 49 86 | ..... | 49 86 |
| Boyle street, | 397 75 | 291 60 | 106 15 |
| Balph alley, | 40 76 | ..... | 40 76 |
| Bank lane sidewalk, from Anderson to Chestnut street, | 51 00 | 51 00 | ..... |
| Benton alley, west of Resaca street, | 300 38 | 300 38 | ..... |
| Brown's alley, from Lacock street to Bank lane, 1858, | 147 16 | 147 16 | ..... |
| Correy street, | 80 66 | 80 66 | ..... |
| Chartiers street, | 433 35 | 433 35 | ..... |
| Chislett's alley, | 33 00 | ..... | 33 00 |
| Cherry street, | 285 19 | 224 25 | 60 94 |
| Carpenter's alley, from East lane to Chestnut street, grading, 1858, | 454 48 | 421 30 | 33 18 |
| " " " " paving, " | 817 86 | 747 34 | 70 52 |
| Day alley, 1858, | 336 76 | 319 00 | 17 76 |
| East lane, from Liberty street to Ohio street, | 30 17 | ..... | 30 17 |
| " " Ohio to Third street, | 1,176 43 | ..... | 1,176 43 |
| " " Third street to City line, | 823 07 | ..... | 823 07 |
| Federal street, from North Common to Carroll street, | 276 20 | 249 80 | 26 40 |
| Fleming " " Shannapin to Hemlock street, | 106 44 | 19 12 | 87 32 |
| " " " Hemlock street, North, | 156 98 | 78 53 | 78 45 |
| Franklin alley, | 40 32 | 13 44 | 26 88 |

## STATEMENT OF BALANCES DUE ON STREETS—Continued.

| | Balance due Jan. 1859. | Collected in 1859. | Balance due Jan. 1860. |
|---|---|---|---|
| First street, | $6,169 66 | ..... | $6,169 66 |
| First alley, from East lane to East street, 1858, | 369 22 | $347 40 | 21 82 |
| Grantham street, from Lacock street to Bank lane, | 222 95 | ..... | 222 95 |
| Gray's alley, " " 1858, | 331 27 | 277 21 | 54 06 |
| Goodrich street, " " 1858, | 737 65 | 701 08 | 36 57 |
| Hemlock " from Boyle to Fleming street, | 82 66 | 82 66 | ..... |
| " " " Fleming to Poplar street, | 92 86 | ..... | 92 86 |
| " " grading from Federal to Boyle, and from Fleming to James street, | 18 74 | 18 74 | ..... |
| Hezlep's alley, from Hemlock street to Magee's alley, | 367 80 | 252 83 | 114 97 |
| " " " Mowry's " 1858, | 182 32 | 128 15 | 54 17 |
| Jackson street, from Federal street to Pasture lane, | 386 27 | 386 27 | ..... |
| James " | 76 56 | 25 64 | 50 92 |
| Knoll " 1858, | 147 56 | 77 52 | 70 04 |
| Liberty " from Chestnut street to East lane, | 72 16 | ..... | 72 16 |
| " " " East lane to East Common, | 46 69 | ..... | 46 69 |
| Lacock " " Grantham to Hope street, | 271 14 | 271 14 | ..... |
| " " " Federal street to West Bank lane, | 302 19 | 196 83 | 105 36 |
| Locust " | 110 32 | ..... | 110 32 |
| Morgan " from Lacock street to Bank lane, | 136 51 | 136 51 | ..... |
| Middle alley, from North Common to Sampson street, | 99 88 | 77 20 | 22 68 |
| M'Brier's alley, | 22 40 | 18 00 | 4 40 |
| Ohio street, from Webster street, to E. side E. Common, and from East lane to City line, | 222 58 | ..... | 222 58 |
| " sidewalk from East Common to Sycamore street, | 10 65 | ..... | 10 65 |
| Orchard alley, | 218 96 | 203 32 | 15 64 |
| Pitt alley, from Gay to Water alley, | 28 90 | 28 90 | ..... |
| Palo Alto street, from Benton alley to Shannapin street, | 10 34 | ..... | 10 34 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pump alley, | $51 02 | $51 02 | ..... |
| Poplar street, | 39 76 | 39 76 | ..... |
| Perry " | 1,067 80 | 193 53 | $874 27 |
| Palmer's alley, 1858, | 125 94 | 77 72 | 48 22 |
| Pasture lane, from Shannapin street to City line, 1858, | 1,390 52 | 1,199 61 | 190 91 |
| Rebecca street, from Craig street to Allegheny avenue, | 532 72 | 283 91 | 248 81 |
| " " Allegheny avenue to Water lane, | 719 54 | 98 66 | 630 88 |
| Robinson street, from Craig to Federal street, | 12 78 | ..... | 12 78 |
| " " Federal to Anderson street, | 147 81 | 14 02 | 133 79 |
| " " Craig street to Bank lane, | 186 24 | 132 60 | 53 64 |
| Resaca street, | 62 40 | 30 92 | 31 48 |
| Rose and Vine alleys, | 24 73 | ..... | 24 73 |
| Sandusky street, from Bank lane to the Canal, | 41 75 | ..... | 41 75 |
| Sawmill alley, from East lane to Chestnut street, | 34 58 | ..... | 34 58 |
| Second street, | 4,401 07 | ..... | 4,401 07 |
| Third " | 4,440 13 | ..... | 4,440 13 |
| " " grading from East lane to Chestnut street, | 802 10 | ..... | 802 10 |
| Tremont " | 2,375 22 | ..... | 2,375 22 |
| Tomato " | 101 40 | 101 40 | ..... |
| Union avenue, grading, | 21 07 | ..... | 21 07 |
| Water lane, from Irwin's avenue te Fulton street, | 55 15 | ..... | 55 15 |
| Walnut street, from Main to the Canal, | 73 01 | 73 01 | ..... |
| White Oak alley, | 644 15 | 377 92 | 266 33 |
| West street, | 3,747 46 | ..... | 3,747 46 |
| Western avenue, from Rail Road bridge to Irwin's avenue, | 700 00 | 700 00 | ..... |
| Amount due January, 1859, | $ 39,613 99 | | |
| " collected in 1859, | | $ 10,195 99 | |
| " due January, 1860, | | | $ 29,418 00 |

# Report of Superintendent of the Water Works

## For 1859.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN—The following is a statement of the current expenses, the amount of pipes, fire plugs, stop cocks, &c. for the distribution of water:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid for Coal and slack, | $2,305 59 | |
| " Firemen, | 1,101 11 | |
| " Oils, | 207 18 | |
| " Grate bars and castings, | 43 85 | |
| " Packing and rope, | 43 68 | |
| " Repairs, | 165 76 | |
| " Brick work, | 63 03 | |
| " Tin " | 18 95 | |
| " Painting, | 30 00 | |
| " Engineer's salary, | 750 00 | |
| | | $4,729 15 |
| Paid for labor, repairing, inserting ferules, &c. | $824 24 | |
| " Tools and repairing, | 40 14 | |
| " Oils and packing, | 23 80 | |
| " Paving, | 64 81 | |
| " Fire plug boxes, | 20 00 | |
| " Lumber and hauling, | 81 37 | |
| " Ferules and posts, | 178 62 | |
| | | 1,232 98 |
| Paid for Pipe for extensions, | $2,120 76 | |
| " Fire plugs and stop cocks, | 282 76 | |
| " Lead, | 272 13 | |
| " Wood and hauling, | 53 37 | |
| " Labor, | 690 58 | |
| | | 3,419 60 |
| | | $9,381 73 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount forward, | $9,173 83 |
| Less ferules, | 384 50 |
| Total expenses, | $8,997 23 |
| Add to original cost, | 3,419 60 |
| Current expenses for the year, | $5,577 63 |

The following extensions were made in 1859:

| | |
|---|---|
| Ridge street, | 330 feet |
| Borland's alley, | 125 " |
| Sheffield street, | 325 " |
| Bidwell " | 725 " |
| Hamilton " | 400 " |
| Third " | 654 " |
| Goodrich " | 285 " |
| East lane, | 512 " |
| Taylor avenue, | 315 " |
| | 3,671 " |
| Add former amount, | 103,291 " |
| Total, | 20 miles, 1,362 " |
| Number of fire plugs, | 157 |
| Number of stop cocks, | 217 |
| Total assessment of water, | $41,936 27 |

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN ALSTON,
*Superintendent.*

# Report of the Poor Farm for 1859.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of Allegheny City:*

RESPECTED SIRS—Having already placed the Financial Report of the Warden of the Poor Farm in the hands of the Finance Committee, we would respectfully submit the following as additional and explanatory, which accompanied the former when submitted to us by him.

Yours respectfully,

J. P. FLEMING,
*Secretary.*

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*To Messrs.* J. GEYER, A. DAVIDSON *and* JAS. P. FLEMING, *Directors of the Poor for Allegheny City:*

GENTLEMEN—In accordance with established usage, I have the honor herewith to present my first annual exhibit of the receipts and expenditures of the City Farm, for the year ending December 31st, 1859, and of laying before you a statement of the condition of that property, and of the Institution connected therewith.

I have the satisfaction to report, that the past year has been one of unusual health and comfort to the inmates of the house, and of productiveness to the farm.

Nothwithstanding an unfavorable spring and the severe frosts of early summer, our crops have generally been good, and an abundant supply of all the products of the farm and garden has been secured for winter use.

We have succeeded in our efforts, while cultivating our

| | Soap and Candles. | Hardware | Meat. | Coal. | Drugs. | Repairs. | Out-door Relief. | Miscellaneous. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Janu... | ..... | $6 70 | $57 08 | ..... | $ 22 99 | ..... | $ 87 00 | $10 33 |
| Febr... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 27 50 | ..... |
| Mar... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 50 00 | ..... |
| Apri... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 82 00 | ..... |
| May 88 | ..... | 17 22 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 44 00 | ..... |
| June... | $25 25 | ..... | 300 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 44 50 | ..... |
| July... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 48 85 | ..... |
| Aug... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 17 00 | ..... |
| Sept... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 41 25 | ..... |
| Octo 32 | ..... | ..... | 300 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 27 00 | ..... |
| Novi... | ..... | ..... | ..... | $ 262 94 | 40 62 | $333 20 | 61 47 | ..... |
| Dece 31 | 54 18 | 31 90 | 188 94 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 100 14 | 642 29 |
| 51 | $79 43 | $55 82 | $841 02 | $262 94 | $63 61 | $333 20 | $580 71 | $652 62 |

# C.

## RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance on hand, Feb. 1, 1859,.....$ | 199 89 |
| Boarding Paupers,..... | 114 00 |
| Marketing,..... | 752 59 |
| Requisitions,..... | 4,515 56 |
| Out-door Relief,..... | 580 71 |
| Miscellaneous,..... | 221 00 |
| Outstanding Bills, ..... | 1,117 81 |
| | $7,501 56 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Salaries,.....$ | 1,290 00 |
| Labor,..... | 983 56 |
| Flour, ..... | 932 95 |
| Groceries, ..... | 1,042 47 |
| Shoes, ..... | 98 72 |
| Dry Goods,..... | 284 51 |
| Soap and Candles,..... | 79 43 |
| Hardware, ..... | 55 82 |
| Meat,..... | 841 02 |
| Coal,..... | 262 94 |
| Drugs,..... | 63 61 |
| Repairs,..... | 333 20 |
| Out-door Relief, ..... | 580 71 |
| Miscellaneous,..... | 652 62 |
| | $7,501 56 |

ground to the utmost of our ability, so to manage it, that it should be in better condition for a succeeding crop than when we found it.

The farm and buildings are generally in good repair. The paupers are comfortable, and contented.

It has been necessary during the past season, at a considerable expense of labor and time, to change in several places the course of the creek, which was doing very serious damage to the property, by washing and undermining its banks. In all these instances the channel has been diverted by permanent dams, and thus far the result has been highly satisfactory.

An unsightly pile of rubbish and falling bank in the rear of the wagon shed connected with the barn, has been removed, and its place occupied by a substantial stone wall.

A large pit has been prepared to prevent the waste of liquid manure. The foundations of the hearths of the insane building, and of the kitchen in the main building, have been removed and rebuilt.

These improvements have been attended with no outlay of money.

We have constructed fifty panels of new board fence, and have been obliged entirely to rebuild our bake oven, and to replace the two large cauldron kettles in the wash house, by new ones, in new arches. The expense of these has been considerable, but they are of that permanent character that I hope they will not soon require removal or repair. The average number of paupers, so far as I am able to judge, is not far different from that of the previous year, although my number reported is less. By reference to paper marked "A" in my report, and by comparing it with the published report of 1858, you will see a discrepancy in the number indicated as on hand for the first of the year 1859. I have satisfied myself of an error in the former report, and have corrected it in my own. By comparing the item of labor in paper marked "C," with the corresponding entry in that of 1858, you will see that my expense for labor is greater than that entered for the previous year. This is also an error, the expenses for labor of 1858 exceeding those of 1859.

All the clothing for the house for the past year has been made by the paupers themselves, without the assistance of any hired help. Regulations of economy have been strictly enforced in every department connected with the Institution, and every effort made consistent with justice to the poor, to reduce as far as practicable its expenses. How far I may have succeeded in rendering satisfaction in these efforts, I leave yourselves and the citizens intrusted in the welfare of your alms house to determine.

JOHN S. GOULD,
*Warden.*

# Report of Committee on Markets for 1859.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Markets in making their annual statement would report:

That the revenue derived from the markets for the year 1859, for butchers' stalls and garden stands, has been $4,167.71, being an increase over 1858 of $113.75. The revenue arising from the Weigh Scales has been $1,202.00, as follows: Diamond Scales, $601.40; Second Ward Scales, $600.60.

On examination of the markets, we find that something must absolutely be done soon toward repairing them, as they have almost become unfit for occupancy. They should have new roofs and floors immediately, or if Councils do not wish to repair them at a large expense, they should fix upon some plan to erect new ones. We hope the new Councils will take the matter into serious consideration at an early day.

The ordinance fixing the prices for the weighing of hay, &c. on the Diamond Scales, has been under consideration for some time, and we report one for that purpose, and respectfully ask its adoption.

Respectfully submitted.

S. DRUM.
W. W. BALL,
J. MESKIMEN,
DAVID CAMPBELL,
*Committee.*

# Annual Report of Committee on Gas for 1859.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Gas in making their annual exhibit, would respectfully report:

That during the year 1859, there have been erected twenty-one new lamp posts, making the number now lighted within the city, one hundred and ninety-six.

The whole expense for gas lamps, posts, &c. for the current year and for which warrants have been ordered by Councils, is $5,013.22, as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Lighting city lamps, markets, town house and Mayor's office, | $4,011 61 |
| Cleaning lamps, | 250 00 |
| Glass, | 136 50 |
| Lamp posts (25 new), | 350 00 |
| Setting lamp posts and service pipe, | 151 11 |
| Lamps (24 new), | 114 00 |
| Total, | $5,013 22 |

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES LOCKHART,
SIMON DRUM,
DAVID A. PRESSLEY,
JOHN ATWELL,
*Committee.*

# Annual Report of Committee on Printing for 1859.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN—The Cmmittee on Printing in making their annual exhibit, would respectfully report:

That the whole amount expended for printing, books and stationery, during the year 1859, and for which warrants have been ordered to be drawn by the Councils, is $588.39, as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Job printing, books, stationery, &c. | $288 39 |
| Dispatch, printing proceedings of Councils, | 200 00 |
| Freiheit's Freund, " " | 100 00 |
| | $588 39 |

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN BROWN.

# Annual Report of Committee on Fire Engines

**For 1859.**

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*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN—The Commitee on Engines would respectfully report:

That the whole expense of the department, and for which warrants have been ordered by Councils, for the year 1859, is $2,662.96, including $29.05 for repairing hose in 1858, as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid to firemen for services rendered, | $1,041 50 |
| Repairing hose, | 117 07 |
| Repairs to engine houses, bells, reels, &c. | 264·06 |
| Coal, | 25 00 |
| New hose, | 1,215 33 |
| Total, | $2,662 96 |

Respectfully submitted.

J. G. COFFIN,
CHAS. ARBUCKLE,
JOSEPH KIRKPATRICK,
JOHN N. BARR,
*Committee.*

# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF

STANDING COMMITTEES

OF

# Select and Common Councils

OF THE

# CITY OF ALLEGHENY;

ALSO, THE

## Report of the Steward of the Poor Farm.

PITTSBURGH:

W. G. JOHNSTON & CO. STEAM BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS, Nos. 57 WOOD AND 105 THIRD STREETS.

1861.

## Report of the Auditing Committee for 1860.

*To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee appointed to Audit the Accounts of the City Officers for the year 1860, have performed the duty assigned them, and herewith submit their Report.

Having examined the books of the Treasurer, we submit also a Report of the Financial Condition of the City to this date.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. HOPKINS,
JOHN BROWN,
JAMES M'BRIER,
WM. DYER,
*Committee.*

ALLEGHENY CITY, Jan. 1860.

## Dr. David Macferron, Treasurer, in account with the City of Allegheny. Cr.

**1860.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 10, To Balance in Treasury, | | | $ 7,998 01 |
| " P., Ft. W. C. R. R. Co. right of way, | | | 3,300 00 |
| " Wagon Licenses for 1859, | $ 20 70 | | |
| " " " " 1860, | 2,409 04 | | |
| " 10 per cent. penalties, | 140 74 | | |
| " New Plates, | 30 25 | | |
| | | | 2,600 73 |
| " Ground Rent on Seminary Lots, | | | 1,868 52 |
| " Alexander Maxwell, Wharf Master, | | | 937 07 |
| " " " Salt Inspector, | | | 61 41 |
| " " " Wood and Bark, | | | 6 51 |
| " City Solicitor for Judgment against H. Riddle, | | | 69 00 |
| " " " Surplus of Expenses to Supreme Court at W. C. | | | 40 00 |
| " A. Davis, Water Assessed on New Buildings, | | | 638 00 |
| " John Alston, ferrules, | | | 439 86 |
| " M. M'Gonnigle, Clerk of Markets, | | | 4,591 63 |
| " John Moon, Weigh Master at Diamond Scales, | | | 685 17 |
| " John Chambers, " " 2d Ward Scales, | | | 776 74 |
| " John Dyer, Alderman, 1st Ward, fines, | | | 3 00 |
| " James Miller, Alderman, 3d Ward, fines for use of city, | | | 12 00 |
| " " " " " " " " Poor, | | | 140 00 |
| " A. B. Company for grading and paving S. end of Fed. st. | | | 2,500 00 |
| " John Morrison, Mayor, | | | 33 00 |
| " A. Gray, board measurer in 1st Ward, | | | 22 25 |
| " Wm. Murdock, board measurer in 2d Ward, | | | 25 00 |
| " S. W. M'Ginnis, " " 3d Ward, | | | 58 11 |
| " E. Faulhanber, " " 4th Ward, | | | 1 84 |
| " A. Hobson, balance on Fed. st. | | | 26 40 |
| " Simeon Bulford, Duplicate for 1859, | | | 3,973 83 |
| " " " Water tax, " | | | 4,092 01 |
| " " " Poor " " | | | 1,581 07 |
| " John Ramsey, Duplicate " | | | 2,622 29 |
| " " " Water tax " | | | 3,283 22 |
| " " " Poor " " | | | 1,234 89 |
| " A. C. Alexander, Duplicate " | | | 1,909 00 |
| " " " Water tax " | | | 5,929 89 |
| " " " Poor " " | | | 643 51 |
| " James Graham, Water " for 1857, | | | 41 00 |
| " " " Duplicate for 1859, | | | 5,259 73 |
| " " " Water tax " | | | 7,756 76 |
| " " " Poor " " | | | 1,731 19 |
| " Total Amount paid on Duplicate 1860, | | | 29,442 34 |
| " " " Water tax for 1860, | | | 33,969 82 |
| " " " Business tax for 1860, | | | 1,024 70 |
| " " " Poor " " | | | 5,875 15 |
| | | | $137,204 25 |

**1860.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Jan. 10, By Warrants paid on sundry appropriations: | | |
| No. 1. Salaries, | | $ 6,251 64 |
| " 2. Interest, | | 28,905 03 |
| " 3. Engines, | | 985 69 |
| " 4. Printing, | | 431 55 |
| " 5. Streets, | | 2,072 59 |
| " 6. Wharves and Landings, | | 823 12 |
| " 7. Rents, | | 325 00 |
| " 8. Surveys, | | 211 50 |
| " 9. Contingent Fund, | | 2,844 81 |
| " 10. Poor, | | 6,615 18 |
| " 11. Water, | | 9,054 69 |
| " 12. Outstanding Warrants, | | 7,464 77 |
| " 13 Gas, | | 2,499 43 |
| " City Scrip redeemed and destroyed, | | 16 10 |
| " Interest paid on same, | | 7 55 |
| " Bonus for 29 bonds renewed, | | 2,900 00 |
| " Discount and exchange, | | 1,360 75 |
| " Costs paid on suit of Snyder's Administrators, | | 8 53 |
| " Notes in Bank paid, | | 12,000 00 |
| " Overcharge on taxes of 1860 refunded, | | 1 67 |
| " Aldermen's fines paid per order of Directors of Poor, | | 140 00 |
| " State tax on city loans assumed by city, | | 1 25 |
| " Debt, Interest and Costs paid on sundry judgments against the city, | | 28,324 43 |
| " Four Bonds redeemed, | | 2,400 00 |
| " Insurance, | | 5 25 |
| " Cash for Bonds in process of redemption, | | 12,000 00 |
| " Solicitor's expenses to Supreme Court at Washington city, | | 100 00 |
| " Debt, Interest and Costs paid for judgment of W. P. Hospital, | | 232 52 |
| " Bill of taxes on property owned by city paid to J. Ramsey, | | 33 90 |
| " Commissioner's Certificate of unpaid taxes on unseated lands in 2d Ward, | | 25 92 |
| " 3 per cent., Treasurer's com'n. on $2,600.73, vehicles license, | | 78 02 |
| " Balance in Treasury as follows: | | |
| Balance of Poor Fund for 1859, | $1,065 12 | |
| Amount " " " 1860, | 5,865 07 | |
| Balance of City Fund, | 2,153 17 | |
| | | 9,083 36 |
| | | $137,204 25 |

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CITY OF ALLEGHENY FOR 1860.

| Dr. | | | Cr. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| To Foreign Bonds, | | $424,000 00 | By Rents due on Seminary Property, | $ 1,044 55 |
| " Domestic Bonds, | | 33,311 20 | " Water Works, Pipes, &c. | 386,354 26 |
| " Seminary Property, | | 35,000 00 | " Poor Farm, | 30,000 00 |
| " Oustanding Warrants, 1859, | $1,267 20 | | " Fire Engines, Houses, &c. | 7,500 00 |
| " " " 1860, | 1,930 21 | | " Gas Posts, | 4,500 00 |
| " Warrants ordered but not drawn, | 4,881 82 | | " Market Houses, Scales, &c. | 6,345 37 |
| | | 8,079 23 | " Seminary Property, | 35,000 00 |
| " Interest due on Domestic Bonds, | | 811 68 | " Cash for bonds in process of redemption, | 12,000 00 |
| " Balance due on Poor account, | | 6,930 19 | " Water tax uncollected for 1860, | 8,978 53 |
| | | | " City and Business tax uncollected for 1860, | 6,643 88 |
| | | | " JAS. GRAHAM, 4th Ward, Water tax, 1859, | 321 13 |
| | | | " JOHN RAMSEY, 2d Ward, City tax, 1859, | 70 08 |
| | | | " JOHN ALSTON, for Ferrules, | 291 24 |
| | | | " Cash on hand, City, | $2,153 17 |
| | | | " Poor, | 6,930 19 |
| | | | | 9,083 26 |
| | | $508,132 30 | | $508,132 30 |

## Report of Committee on Streets for 1860.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Streets would respectfully submit their annual report of work done, and materials furnished for the year 1860, with a statement showing the amount of grading and paving done in the year 1860, also, a statement showing the whole cost of the grading and paving which has been completed up to this date, the amount collected and the amount due, as fully shown in papers marked A. and B.

There have been graded and paved during the past year six streets or parts thereof, embracing a front of 2650 feet or 1-2 mile, at a cost of $7,573.79, assessed as follows: To the City, $190.03—to the property, $7,383.76—of the above there has been collected and paid over to the contractors the sum of $2,740.56, leaving a balance yet due and uncollected of $4,833.23.

Of the amount due January 1st, 1860, $39,417.27, there has been collected $27,678.87, leaving a balance yet due of $11,-382.03. There appears a discrepancy between the amount collected and due, and the balance due January 1st, 1860, of $356,37 it will be observed that the amount is marked "paid to the contractors."

Since the enactment of the paving law in 1849 there have been graded and paved about 21 miles of streets, side-walks and alleys, at a cost of $286,148.92, of which amount there has been collected and paid over to the contractors $269,933.66, leaving a balance of $16,215.26 yet due.

The streets which were in litigation with E. W. H. Schenley and others have been decided in favor of the city, and arrangements are made by which the whole amount will be paid in the course of a few months.

The amount expended by order of Councils and Committee for the year 1860, was $1,572.55, as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Monthly Check Rolls, | $328 01 |
| Repairing Streets, | 383 23 |
| Cleaning " | 516 73 |
| Lumber, | 54 55 |
| Smith work, | 21 34 |
| Hardware, | 20 12 |
| Crossings, | 183 85 |
| Caulking Aqueduct, | 25 00 |
| Repairing Bridges, | 23 67 |
| Stone, | 16 05 |
| Total, | $1,572 55 |

There are now under contract Taylor avenue and Buena Vista streets, which will be completed early the coming year.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN WRIGHT,
JOHN ALEXANDER,
J. K. BROWN,
JOSEPH LOVE,
JAMES LOCKHART,
*Committee.*

A.

## A Statement of the Cost and Expenses of Grading and Paving of the Streets and Alleys

Within the City of Allegheny for the year '1860, showing the whole cost of the same, the amount assessed to the property holders, the amount assessed to the city, the amount collected and the amount due January 1st, 1861.

| | Whole Cost of Street. | Assessed to City. | Assessed to Property. | Collected. | Due January 1st, 1861. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Esplanade street, | $1,985 37 | $110 96 | $1,874 41 | $ 350 99 | $1,634 38 |
| Federal " | 1,031 87 | ..... | 1,031 87 | 1,031 87 | ..... |
| Hezlep's alley, from Locust to Hemlock streets, | 281 62 | ..... | 281 62 | 164 08 | 117 54 |
| Jackson street, sidewalk, | 191 45 | ..... | 191 45 | ..... | 191 45 |
| Monterey " | 2,157 21 | 28 62 | 2,128 59 | 28 62 | 2,128 59 |
| Robinson " from Gray's alley to Hope street, | 1,926 27 | 50 45 | 1,875 82 | 1,165 00 | 761 27 |
| Whole cost of streets, | $7,573 79 | | | | |
| Assessed to the City, | | $190 03 | | | |
| " to the Property, | | | $7,383 76 | | |
| Collected, | | | | $2,740 56 | |
| Due, | | | | | $4,833 23 |

B.

# A STATEMENT OF BALANCES DUE ON STREETS JANUARY 1, 1860,

Showing how much has been collected in the year 1860, and also showing the balances due January 1st, 1861.

| | Due Jan. 1, 1860. | Collected in 1860. | Due Jan. 1, 1861. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Allegheny avenue, from Rebecca to Ridge street, | $718 43 | | $718 43 |
| Beaver street, from Ohio street to City line, | 95 47 | $34 60 | 60 87 |
| Bank lane, from Robinson street to South Common, | 49 86 | 49 86 | |
| Boyle street, | 106 15 | 33 46 | 72 69 |
| Balph alley, | 40 76 | 40 76 | |
| Borland's alley, | 224 90 | 224 90 | |
| Chislett's " | 33 00 | 33 00 | |
| Cherry street, | 60 94 | | 60 94 |
| Carpenter's alley, from East lane to Chestnut street, Grading, | 33 18 | 6 36 | 26 82 |
| " " " " " Paving, | 70 52 | 41 66 | 28 86 |
| " " from Sycamore street to Chestnut street, | 262 49 | 244 71 | 17 78 |
| Church avenue, from Sandusky street to Cedar avenue, side-walks, | 1,326 41 | 1,047 31 | 279 10 |
| " " " " " street, | 230 36 | 111 20 | 119 16 |
| Day alley, | 17 76 | 17 76 | |
| East lane, from Ohio to Liberty street, | 30 17 | 30 17 | |
| " " to Third " | 1,176 43 | 1,033 13 | 143 30 |
| " from Third street to City line, | 823 07 | 593 17 | 229 90 |
| Federal street, from North Common to Carroll street, | 26 40 | 26 40 | |
| Fleming street, from Shanapin to Hemlock street, | 87 32 | 87 32 | |
| " " Hemlock to North street, | 78 45 | | 78 45 |
| Franklin alley, | 26 88 | | 26 88 |
| First street, | 6,169 66 | 6,169 66 | |

## STATEMENT OF BALANCES DUE ON STREETS—Continued.

| | Due Jan. 1, 1860. | Collected in 1860. | Due Jan. 1, 1861. |
|---|---|---|---|
| First alley, from East street to East lane, | $ 21 82 | 21 82 | |
| " " " to Middle street, | 243 06 | 243 06 | |
| Grantham street, | 222 95 | 100 04 | 122 91 |
| Gray's alley, | 54 06 | 54 06 | |
| Goodrich street, | 36 57 | 17 24 | 19 33 |
| Hemlock street, from Fleming to Poplar street, | 92 86 | | 92 86 |
| Hazlep alley, from Hemlock street to Magee alley, | 114 97 | 114 97 | |
| " " " to Mowry's alley, | 54 17 | 45 85 | 8 32 |
| James street, | 50 92 | 36 57 | 14 41 |
| Knoll " | 70 04 | 70 04 | |
| Liberty street, from Chestnut street to East lane, | 72 16 | | 72 16 |
| " " East lane to East Common, | 46 69 | | 46 69 |
| Lacock street, from Federal street to West Bank lane, | 105 36 | | 105 36 |
| Locust street, | 110 32 | | 110 32 |
| Lacock street, from Federal street to Hope street, side-walk, | 35 46 | 35 46 | |
| Liberty street, from East lane to Chestnut street, " | 16 50 | 16 50 | |
| Middle alley, from North Common to Sampson street, | 22 68 | 22 68 | |
| M'Brier alley, | 4 40 | 4 40 | |
| Middle street, | 3,108 45 | 3,108 45 | |
| North street, from Ohio to Washington street, | 188 22 | 130 00 | 58 22 |
| Ohio st. from Webster to E. side of E. Com. & from East lane to Sycamore st, | 222 58 | Paid to Contractors. | |
| Ohio street, side-walk, | 10 65 | | 10 65 |
| Orchard alley, | 15 64 | 15 64 | |
| Palo Alto street, | 10 34 | | 10 34 |
| Perry street, | 874 27 | | 874 27 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Palmer's alley, | $ 48 22 | $48 22 | |
| Pasture lane, | 190 91 | 26 24 | $164 67 |
| Palo Alto street, | 286 33 | 127 60 | 158 73 |
| Rebecca street, from Craig street to Allegheny avenue, | 248 81 | 248 81 | |
| " " Allegheny avenue to Water lane, | 630 88 | | 630 88 |
| Robinson street, from Federal street to Anderson street, | 133 79 | Paid to Contractors. | |
| " " Craig street to Bank lane, | 53 64 | | 53 64 |
| Resaca street, | 31 48 | | 31 48 |
| Rose and Vine alleys, | 24 73 | | 24 73 |
| Sandusky street, from Bank lane to Canal, | 41 75 | | 41 75 |
| Saw Mill alley, from East lane to Chestnut street, | 34 58 | | 34 58 |
| Second Street, | 4,401 07 | 2,000 00 | 2,401 07 |
| South avenue, side-walk, | 2,371 04 | 1,653 85 | 717 19 |
| Third street, | 4,440 13 | 4,440 13 | |
| " from East lane to Chestnut street, Grading, | 802 10 | | 802 10 |
| Tremont street, | 2,375 22 | | 2,375 22 |
| Union avenue, Grading, | 21 07 | | 21 07 |
| Virgin alley, from East lane to Mary street, | 350 67 | 350 67 | |
| Water lane, from Irwin's avenue to Fulton street, | 55 15 | 23 28 | 31 87 |
| White Oak alley, | 266 33 | 105 37 | 160 96 |
| West street, | 3,747 46 | 3,747 46 | |
| Washington street, from Bissell's line to North street, | 121 40 | 121 40 | |
| Webster street, | 1,246 76 | 923 69 | 323 07 |
| Due January 1st, 1860, | $39,417 27 | | |
| Collected in 1860, | | $27,678 87 | |
| Due January 1st, 1861, | | | $11,382 03 |

## Report of Committee on Water for 1860.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Water presenting their Annual Statement would respectfully report—

That on examining the Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Water Works, we find that the expenses of running the Works for the year 1860 has been but about $200 more than it was in 1850, and even that amount was caused by having to employ extra time to keep up water while repairs were being made at the Basin. We have also great satisfaction in announcing to Council that said repairs will be within the estimate, and are a complete success. We also take great pleasure in presenting to Councils the very full report of the Assessor of Water Rents, embracing, as it does, all the minutiæ of the water assessments, which he has prepared in a tabular form, and with great care.

In conclusion we cheerfully testify that the Superintendent, Mr. John Alston, and the Water Assessor, Mr. A. Davis, have faithfully and efficiently discharged the duties of their respective offices, and to the entire satisfaction of the committee.

WILLIAM WALKER,
JAMES MARSHALL,
J. HOPKINS,
S. DRUM,
WM. MILLER,
JOS. KIRKPATRICK,
*Committee.*

## Report of Superintendent of the Water Works for 1860.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN—The following is a statement of the current expenses, the amount of pipe, fire-plugs, stop-cocks, &c. for the distribution of water.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid for Coal and slack, | $2,206 04 | |
| " Firemen, | 1,151 97 | |
| " Oils, | 176 11 | |
| " Grate bars and castings, | 63 85 | |
| " Packing and rope, | 59 39 | |
| " Repairs, | 350 35 | |
| " Tools, | 6 00 | |
| " Engineer, | 750 00 | |
| Total amount for running works, | | $4,763 71 |
| Paid for repairing pipe, fire-plugs, inserting ferrules, &c. | $827 97 | |
| " Tools and repairing, | 52 16 | |
| " Gum packing, | 13 94 | |
| " Repairing fire-plugs, tools, &c. | 108 22 | |
| " Paving, | 44 52 | |
| " Lumber and hauling, | 123 64 | |
| " Ferrules, | 194 92 | |
| | | 1,365 37 |
| | | $6,129 08 |
| Less 164 ferrules, $2 50, | $410 00 | |
| " Pipe and labor, | 119 16 | |
| | $529 16 | |
| Current expenses for the year, | | $5,599 92 |
| Paid for pipe for extensions, | $1,553 59 | |
| " Fire plugs and stop-cocks, | 226 46 | |
| " Lead, | 162 88 | |
| Amount over, | $1,942 93 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | | $5,599 92 |
| Am't. of extensions brought over, | $1,942 93 | |
| Paid for wood and hauling, | 26 00 | |
| " Labor, | 634 60 | |
| | | 2,603 53 |
| Paid for improvements on basin: | | |
| " Stone work, | $1,916 25 | |
| " Brick work, | 502 88 | |
| " Cement, | 681 80 | |
| " Sand, | 59 00 | |
| " Hauling, | 20 00 | |
| " Labor, | 731 49 | |
| | | 3,911 42 |
| Total amount, | | $12,114 87 |
| Assessment of Water, | $43,796 71 | |

The following extensions were made in 1860:

| | |
|---|---|
| Hamilton street, | 132 feet. |
| Franklin " | 248 " |
| Ohio lane, | 1,015 " |
| East " | 1,030 " |
| Perry and Centre streets, | 410 " |
| Pasture lane, | 235 " |
| | 3,070 feet. |
| Add former amount, | 106,962 " |
| Total, | 20 miles 4,432 " |
| Number of fire-plugs, | 161 |
| Number of stop-cocks, | 223 |

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN ALSTON,
*Superintendent.*

## Report of the Assessor of Water Rents.

*To the Honorable the Water Committee of Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN—Your Assessor and Register of Water Rents would respectfully report the following, believing it may be of some interest to you, and the citizens in general, to know the present position of the city. In the year 1859, there was no report made of the assessment, owing to the great amount of labor it requires in order to get all the items collected together. Below is a detailed report of the assessments made in Allegheny city on the various establishments and dwellings throughout the city and vicinity using the hydrant water, the number of dwellings, planing mills, &c. that have no city water, the number of new buildings erected in the city during the past year, the whole number of buildings in the city, and the number of families; the assessment is as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 4,003 | Dwelling houses pay, | $29,122 46 |
| 304 | Stores with dwellings attached, | 2,384 25 |
| 92 | Stores and offices separate from dwellings, | 435 50 |
| 97 | Miscellaneous work shops, | 475 25 |
| 15 | Schools and colleges, | 151 00 |
| 30 | Churches and halls, | 174 75 |
| 1 | House of Industry, | 25 00 |
| 8 | Cotton and woollen mills, | 1,087 25 |
| 5 | Planing and saw mills, | 247 00 |
| 6 | Foundries, | 265 00 |
| 3 | Flour mills, | 320 00 |
| 5 | Oil mills and white lead factories, | 330 00 |
| 4 | Machine shops and edge tool factories, | 185 00 |
| 12 | Tanneries and one tavern in connection, | 927 00 |
| 6 | Cabinet and chair factories, | 109 00 |
| 14 | Breweries and one distillery, | 1,180 00 |
| 1 | Soap and candle factory, | 30 00 |
| 4 | Livery stables, | 214 00 |

| | |
|---|---|
| 86 Taverns, hotels and beer halls, | 2,167 00 |
| 1 Starch factory, | 50 00 |
| 1 Gas works, | 150 00 |
| 1 Railroad depot and one station, | 1,225 00 |
| 1 State prison containing 311 prisoners, | 400 00 |
| — Cattle and hog yards, | 351 00 |
| 16 Slaughtering houses, | 120 00 |
| 20 Bakeries, | 82 00 |
| 3 Bridges, | 47 75 |
| 125 Hose for streets and pavements, | 345 00 |
| 468 Horses and mules, not including livery stables, | 585 00 |
| 227 Cows, | 113 50 |
| | $43,296 71 |
| On new buildings, assessment not completed, | 500 00 |
| | $43,796 71 |

| | |
|---|---|
| 1st Ward and Manchester, | $8,466 42 |
| 2d Ward and M'Clure township, | 9,074 27 |
| 3d Ward and Reserve township, | 11,032 73 |
| 4th Ward and Duquesne borough, | 14,723 29 |
| On new buildings, | 500 00 |
| | $43,796 71 |

In the year 1858, there were 114 dwellings, 5 planing and saw mills and one white lead factory, that were not supplied with city's water—there yet remain 73 dwellings, 4 saw mills, 1 white lead factory and 1 distillery, to be supplied with city's water. During the past year 179 new buildings have been erected in the city at a cost of $225,000, apportioned among the different wards as follows: In the First Ward 35, Second 66, Third 47, Fourth 31. The greater part of the buildings erected the past year have been of a medium size, just such as the city requires. In addition to the list of new buildings there has been a great amount of refitting and alteration throughout the city during the past year. The city contains 4,702 buildings. The number of separate and distinct families occupying the said dwellings is 5,927. From the above statement it will be seen that nearly two thousand families are obliged to rent and occupy parts of houses, which many of them would not do if they could obtain small tenements. During the years 1859 and 1860, there

have been 344 new buildings erected in the city of Allegheny. Out of that number 311 are dwelling houses, all of which have been tenanted as soon as they were finished; and so anxious were some of the families to swarm out from their old bee-hives that they went into many of the new houses before they were finished. It will be seen by the late census that the population of Allegheny city is 31,536. The population in 1850 was 21,262, showing that the increase has been over one thousand annually in the city; and if the population should increase at the same ratio for the next ten years, which in all probability it will, it would require about 175 dwelling houses to be erected annually to supply the demand. Men of capital might make a safe investment in erecting small houses. It would not only pay them a good per centage, but would accommodate many of the citizens and add to the general interest, welfare and prosperity of the city. The increase on the assessment for the year 1860 is 1,860.44, and with proper care and attention to the assessment a corresponding increase may be expected in the revenue from water rents.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. DAVIS,
*Assessor.*

## Report of the Poor Farm for 1860.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

The Committee on Poor Farm would respectfully report—That we have visited the Farm—every thing appertaining thereto in good order—the house and grounds are in fine condition, and we hereby cheerfully bear our united testimony to the carefulness, diligence and economy of our present Warden; every thing about the house is neat, clean and orderly, and the inmates appear comfortable in their situation.

Some time in the fall of 1860, the Directors of the Farm applied to Councils for an appropriation sufficient to erect an addition to the "Insane Department." On examination of said department we are forced, by the condition of that class of unfortunates, to believe that the appropriation asked for should be granted, and we respectfully suggest to the next Councils the propriety of taking early action in the premises.

In connection with the foregoing, and for the better information of Councils, we lay before you the Report of the Warden and Directors of the Poor Farm.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN K. BROWN,
WM. W. BALL,
WM. SMITH,
*Committee.*

## Report of the Warden of the Poor Farm for 1860.

*Messrs.* A. Davidson, J. P. Fleming *and* R. Ashworth, *Directors of the Poor for Allegheny City:*

Gentlemen—I herewith submit my Second Annual Report containing a detailed exhibit of the Receipts and Expenditures at the City Farm for the year 1860, including the amount disbursed by your board, and under the head of "out door relief." Our expenses, including out-door relief proper, have been something over two hundred and fifty dollars less than the previous year, although the aggregate of my report shows a considerable increase; this discrepancy is accounted for by the fact that during the year we have been compelled to draw requisitions in favor of the Western Pennsylvania Hospital for considerable sums, a large proportion of which was upon claims accruing before I had charge of the institution, and upon which judgment had previously been obtained; of course these are charges which I could not prevent, and over which I could have no control, still they must be admitted in my general expense account.

We have sustained considerable injury and loss by flood in the carrying away of the high close board fence on Girty's run, on the front of the farm, which has been reconstructed in a manner which will, we trust, insure its future safety.

It has been deemed expedient to throw a bridge across the run opposite the tenant houses of Lorenz, Stewart & Co. and connecting with their road, to give us access to the farm on the low grounds, thereby avoiding the distance and the heavy grade to which we were subjected in going around by the Evergreen Plank Road, and also avoiding the tolls upon said road, the advance upon which was considered exorbitant. No extra expense was incurred for labor in the construction of this bridge, except the laying of the abutments, the balance having been done by the regular force upon the farm.

One and a half acres have been put out in small fruits during the year, which can be increased if considered advisable, without additional expense, and from which we may soon expect handsome returns.

The year has been remarkable as a season of general health at the institution. Our crops have been good, and our winter supplies are abundant. We have cause to be grateful for the success which has attended our labor upon the farm, and for the comfort, good order and contentment which has prevailed at the house.

Our policy of economy has been continued with success, and no expense allowed which was not positively demanded by interest of the farm, or the comfortable maintenance of the poor.

Allow me in conclusion to express a hope that my efforts to subserve the interests of the city, and the results gathered from the statistics of my report, may give general satisfaction.

JOHN S. GOULD,
*Warden.*

## Report of Committee on Markets for 1860.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Markets, in making their Annual Statement, would respectfully report—

That the revenue derived from the markets for the year 1860 was $4,667.53, being an increase over 1859 of $499.83, of which amount there remains $75.90 uncollected.

The revenue arising from the Weigh Scales has been—Diamond Scales, $689.03; 2d Ward Scales, $865.45; being an increase over 1859 of $352.48.

The amount for which warrants have been drawn and ordered by Councils, in repairs, &c.; for the year 1860, has been for

| | |
|---|---|
| Repairs at Scales and Markets, | $59 30 |
| Glass for lamps, | 6 50 |
| Platform Scales, | 25. 65 |
| Adjusting Scales, | 11 35 |
| Coal, | 10 00 |
| Total, | $112 80 |

Respectfully submitted,

S. DRUM,
WM. DYER,
J. MESKIMEN,
*Committee.*

## Report of Committee on Gas for 1860.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Gas in making their Annual Exhibit, would respectfully report—

That the whole cost to the city for Gas and Repairs to the Lamps for the year 1860, has been $4,139.61, as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Lighting City Lamps, Markets, Town-House and Mayor's Office, | $4,060 64 |
| Repairs and Glass, | 78 97 |
| | $4,139 61 |

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW D. SMITH,
WM. SMITH,
S. DRUM,
JAMES LOCKHART,
JOHN ATWELL,
*Committee.*

## Report of Committee on Printing for 1860.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Printing in making their Annual Statement would respectfully report—

That the whole amount expended for Printing and Stationery during the year 1860, has been $643.89, as follows, viz:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Stationery and Job Printing, | $343 89 | |
| Newspapers, | 300 00 | |
| | | $643 89 |

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M'DONALD,
JOHN ATWELL,
J. K. BROWN,
WM. W. BALL,
*Committee.*

## Report of Committee on Fire Engines for 1860.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Engines in making their Annual Statement would respectfully report—

That the whole amount expended for the Fire Department in three quarters of the year 1860, and for which warrants have been ordered to be drawn, has been $945.19, as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| To the four companies, | $722 00 |
| Repairing 4th Ward Engine House, | 163 52 |
| Repairing Hose Reel and Hose, | 28 43 |
| Coal, | 31 24 |
| | $945 19 |

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. SMITH,
*Chairman.*

## ITURES.

| 1860. | Q. and Candles. | Hardware. | Meat. | Coal. | Drugs. | Repairs. | OUT-DOOR RELIEF. Pd. by Req. | OUT-DOOR RELIEF. Pd. Cash. | Miscellaneous |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January, | 12 17 | $ 82 | $34 99 | ..... | $1 65 | $25 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| February, | 29 25 | 9 39 | ..... | ..... | 2 35 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| March, | ..... | 4 52 | 90 00 | $187 50 | 4 64 | 41 86 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| April, | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6 20 | 18 25 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| May, | 6 50 | 8 78 | ..... | ..... | 2 95 | 30 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| June, | 21 95 | 6 88 | 120 00 | ..... | 3 00 | 3 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| July, | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 16 | 9 96 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| August, | ..... | 5 17 | ..... | ..... | 3 23 | 1 84 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| September, | ..... | 50 | ..... | ..... | 4 06 | 6 29 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| October, | 30 00 | 3 62 | 120 00 | ..... | 1 65 | 17 35 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| November, | ..... | ..... | 50 00 | 100 00 | 4 00 | 11 68 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| December, | $ 5 72 | 5 64 | 177 24 | ..... | 1 12 | 12 00 | $969 54 | $96 95 | $880 96 |
| | $05 65 | $45 32 | $592 22 | $287 50 | $37 01 | $177 23 | $969 54 | $96 95 | $880 96 |

# RECAPITULATION.

### RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash on hand, | $ 58 28 |
| Boarding Paupers, | 305 51 |
| Marketing, | 566 18 |
| Requisitions, | 5,561 35 |
| Out-door Relief, | 1,066 49 |
| Miscellaneous, | 312 89 |
| | $7,870 70 |

### EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salaries, | | $1,282 50 |
| Labor, | | 1,120 16 |
| Flour, | | 886 44 |
| Groceries, | | 912 45 |
| Shoes, | | 117 73 |
| Soap and Candles, | | 105 65 |
| Hardware, | | 45 32 |
| Dry Goods, | | 359 04 |
| Meat, | | 592 22 |
| Coal, | | 287 50 |
| Drugs, | | 37 01 |
| Repairs, | | 177 23 |
| Out-door Relief, proper, | $437 85 | |
| " paid Hospitals, | 628 64 | |
| | | 1,066 49 |
| Miscellaneous, | | 880 96 |
| | | $7,870 70 |

## A.

# REPORT OF THE STEWARD OF THE POOR FARM.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Number of Paupers on hand Jan. 1, 1860,... | 97 | |
| " admitted since,..... | 104 | |
| " Births,..... | 6 | |
| | | —207 |
| " Discharged,..... | 95 | |
| " Deaths,..... | 8 | |
| | | —103 |
| " On hand Dec. 31, 1860,..... | 104 | |

Average number for the year, 99. Whole cost of whom, exclusive of out-door relief, is $6,804.-21, from which deduct amount paid from receipts, $1,087.63=$5,716.58 to be paid by tax.
Cost of each pauper to the city per year,...$57 74
" " " " week,... 1 11

| Insane Department: | |
|---|---|
| Number paying board,..... | 1 |
| " Insane City Paupers,..... | 11 |
| Males 4, Females 8,..... | 12 |

## B.

# INVENTORY OF STOCK, PRODUCE & OUTSTANDING DEBTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Horse,..... | | $100 00 |
| 2 Mules,..... | | 400 00 |
| 7 Cows,..... | | 150 00 |
| 4 Wagons, 1 Cart, 1 Wind-mill,..... | | 200 00 |
| 30 Stock Hogs and pigs,..... | | 75 00 |
| 12 Fat Hogs,..... | | 100 00 |
| Farming Utensils,..... | | 150 00 |
| 72 Hot-bed Sash,..... | $2.00 | 144 00 |
| Manure on hand,..... | | 80 00 |
| 50 Bushels Rye,..... | 60c. | 30 00 |
| 250 " Corn,..... | 50c. | 125 00 |
| 150 " Oats,..... | 25c. | 37 50 |
| 400 " Potatoes,..... | 40c. | 160 00 |
| 200 " Turnips,..... | 50c. | 100 00 |
| Amount carried up,..... | | $1,851 00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount brought forward,..... | | $1,851 50 |
| 300 Bushels Beets and Parsnips,... | 50c. | 150 00 |
| 6,000 Heads Cabbage,..... | 4c. | 240 00 |
| 40 Tons Hay,..... | $10.00 | 400 00 |
| Debts Receivable: | | |
| City of Pittsburgh,..... | $100 00 | |
| Borough of New Castle,..... | 150 00 | |
| Lorenz & Stewart,..... | 144 85 | |
| R. H. & P. Knox,..... | 53 00 | |
| Beaver County,..... | 131 28 | |
| Westmoreland County,..... | 9 86 | |
| Middlesex Tp., Butler Co.... | 3 00 | |
| | | 590 99 |
| | | $3,232 49 |

## C.

# RECAPITULATION.

### RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash on hand,..... | $ 58 28 |
| Boarding Paupers,..... | 305 51 |
| Marketing,..... | 566 18 |
| Requisitions,..... | 5,561 35 |
| Out-door Relief,..... | 1,066 49 |
| Miscellaneous,..... | 312 89 |
| | $7,870 70 |

### EXPENDITURES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Salaries,..... | $1,282 50 |
| Labor,..... | 1,120 16 |
| Flour,..... | 886 44 |
| Groceries,..... | 912 45 |
| Shoes,..... | 117 73 |
| Soap and Candles,..... | 105 65 |
| Hardware,..... | 45 32 |
| Dry Goods,..... | 350 04 |
| Meat,..... | 592 22 |
| Coal,..... | 287 50 |
| Drugs,..... | 37 01 |
| Repairs,..... | 177 23 |
| Out-door Relief, proper.....$437 85 | |
| " paid Hospitals,..... 628 64 | |
| | 1,066 49 |
| Miscellaneous,..... | 880 96 |
| | $7,870 70 |

## RECEIPTS.

| 1860. | Cash on hand. | Boarding Paupers. | Market. | Requisitions. | Out-door Relief. | Miscellaneous. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January,..... | ..... | $13 53 | ..... | ..... | ..... | $6 31 |
| February,..... | $ 20 95 | 16 71 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 36 47 |
| March,..... | 150 00 | ..... | 56 02 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| April,..... | ..... | ..... | 36 03 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| May,..... | ..... | ..... | 68 60 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| June,..... | ..... | ..... | 91 66 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| July,..... | ..... | 127 41 | 68 23 | ..... | ..... | 7 00 |
| August,..... | ..... | 2 00 | 67 13 | ..... | ..... | 9 56 |
| September,..... | ..... | ..... | 45 49 | ..... | 36 25 | 36 25 |
| October,..... | ..... | 6 25 | 14 45 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| November,..... | ..... | ..... | 71 45 | ..... | 36 25 | 36 25 |
| December,..... | $58 28 | ..... | 74 36 | $5,561 35 | $1,066 49 | 191 11 |
| | $58 28 | $305 61 | $566 18 | $5,561 35 | $1,066 49 | $312 89 |

## EXPENDITURES.

| 1860. | Salaries. | Labor. | Flour. | Groceries. | Shoes. | Dry Goods. | Soap and Candles. | Hardware. | Meat. | Coal. | Drugs. | Repairs. | OUT-DOOR RELIEF. Pa. by Req. | OUT-DOOR RELIEF. Pd. Cash. | Miscellaneous. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January,..... | $100 00 | ..... | $99 33 | $51 27 | $ 5 72 | $26 23 | $12 17 | $ 82 | $94 99 | ..... | $25 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| February,..... | ..... | $ 2 25 | 92 00 | 80 83 | 12 61 | 14 72 | 29 25 | 3 93 | ..... | $1 65 | 2 35 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| March,..... | ..... | 219 00 | 81 10 | 112 28 | 14 87 | 22 37 | ..... | 4 52 | 90 00 | $187 50 | 41 86 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| April,..... | ..... | 15 71 | 59 75 | 81 85 | 19 85 | 99 92 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 19 55 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| May,..... | ..... | 16 71 | 81 83 | 74 19 | 11 67 | 18 52 | ..... | 6 28 | 120 00 | ..... | 5 20 | 3 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| June,..... | ..... | 220 88 | 38 40 | 89 81 | 11 67 | 18 52 | 21 05 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 00 | 8 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| July,..... | ..... | 40 99 | 61 50 | 72 19 | 2 25 | 7 12 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 16 | 9 56 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| August,..... | ..... | 80 46 | 56 50 | 69 82 | 2 10 | 11 80 | ..... | 5 17 | ..... | ..... | 3 23 | 1 84 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| September,..... | ..... | 244 75 | 56 50 | 53 52 | 1 92 | 3 42 | 5 15 | 1 19 | 3 50 | ..... | 4 06 | 15 29 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| October,..... | ..... | ..... | 71 75 | 88 23 | 9 09 | 9 66 | ..... | 30 06 | 3 62 | 50 00 | 11 68 | 12 06 | $969 54 | $86 95 | $860 96 |
| November,..... | ..... | 4 50 | 71 75 | 88 23 | 9 09 | 9 66 | ..... | ..... | 50 00 | 100 00 | 1 12 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| December,..... | 1,182 50 | 275 50 | 63 12 | 97 36 | 41 33 | 5 72 | 3 64 | ..... | 177 24 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | $1,282 50 | $1,120 16 | $886 44 | $912 45 | $117 73 | $350 04 | $105 65 | $45 32 | $592 22 | $287 50 | $37 01 | $177 23 | $969 54 | $86 95 | $880 96 |

## Report of Committee on Wharves and Landings for 1860.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Wharves and Landings respectfully submit the following report :

Owing to the small quantity of lumber, shingles, &c. brought to our landing the past season, the amount of wharfage received is not so large as we anticipated at the commencement of the year; however, we are able to show a large increase over 1859.

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount received and paid City Treasurer in 1860, | $949 00 |
| Amount received in 1859, | 539 00 |
| Increase over 1859, | $410 00 |
| Amount expended for repairs, | 23 12 |
| Amount for permanent improvement on wharf, | 800 00 |

We cheerfully testify that MR. MAXWELL has promptly and faithfully discharged the duties of Wharf-master.

Respectfully submitted.

W. W. BALL,
J. MESKIMEN,
WM. DYER,
GEORGE LEWIS,
*Committee.*

# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF

STANDING COMMITTEES

OF

# Select and Common Councils

OF THE

# CITY OF ALLEGHENY;

ALSO, THE

## Report of the Steward of the Poor Farm.

PITTSBURGH:
W. G. JOHNSTON & CO., STEAM BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS AND STATIONERS, 57 WOOD AND 105 THIRD STREETS.
1862.

## Report of the Auditing Committee for 1861.

*To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee appointed to Audit the accounts of the City officers for the year 1861, beg leave to report that they have examined the books of the Mayor and city Treasurer, with the accounts of other city officers.

They submit herewith the annual Reports of the standing Committees of Councils, with the report of the Steward of the City Poor Farm, and a statement of the financial condition of the City.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. W. BALL,
JOHN HEATH,
W. S. BISSELL,
CHAS. P. WHISTON,
SAMUEL RIDDLE,
*Committee.*

Allegheny City, Jan'y, 1862.

**Dr.** **David Macferron, Treasurer, in account with the City of Allegheny.** **Cr.**

1861.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 10, To | Balance in the Treasury as follows: | | | |
| | Poor Fund, | $ 6,930 19 | | |
| | Cash for Bonds in process of redemption, | 12,000 00 | | |
| | Cash on hand, | 2,153 07 | | |
| | | | | 21,083 26 |
| " | John Ramsey, on | Duplicate | of 1859, | 70 08 |
| " | " " " | Poor Tax | " | 328 44 |
| " | A. C. Alexander " | Water Rents | " | 40 00 |
| " | James Graham " | Duplicate | " | 321 13 |
| " | " " " | Water Rents | " | 93 00 |
| " | " " " | Poor Tax | " | 107 04 |
| " | Amount Paid " | Duplicate | of 1860, | 2,895 70 |
| " | " " " | Water Rents | " | 5,589 77 |
| " | " " " | Business Tax | " | 201 21 |
| " | " " " | Poor " | " | 577 04 |
| " | " " " | " " | of 1861, | 2,906 07 |
| " | " " " 1st W'd | Duplicate | " | 6,906 99 |
| " | " " " " | Water Rents | " | 6,596 34 |
| " | " " " " | Business Tax | " | 272 44 |
| " | " " " 2d W'd | Duplicate | " | 6,607 12 |
| " | " " " " | Water Rents | " | 7,246 62 |
| " | " " " " | Business Tax | " | 203 08 |
| " | " " " 3d W'd | Duplicate | " | 5,349 41 |
| " | " " " " | Water Rents | " | 8,641 77 |
| " | " " " " | Business Tax | " | 206 16 |
| " | " " " 4th W'd | Duplicate | " | 10,167 99 |

1862.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 16, By | Warrants paid on sundry Appropriations, viz: | | |
| | No. 1, Salaries, | $ 8,073 59 | |
| | " 2, Interest, | 30,148 84 | |
| | " 3, Engines and Firemen, | 1,052 81 | |
| | " 4, Printing, | 450 00 | |
| | " 5, Streets and Bridges, | 776 91 | |
| | " 6, Wharves and Landings, | 74 62 | |
| | " 7, Rents, | 450 00 | |
| | " 8, Surveys, | 157 50 | |
| | " 9, Contingent Fund, | 1,717 45 | |
| | " 10, Poor Farm, | 11,758 13 | |
| | " 11, Water Works, | 7,710 82 | |
| | " 12, Outstanding Warrants, | 8,365 33 | |
| | " 13, Gas, | 3,553 46 | |
| " | Bonus for renewing Six Bonds, | 600 00 | |
| " | Express Charges, | 1 50 | |
| " | City Scrip redeemed and destroyed, | 4 00 | |
| " | Interest paid on same, | 2 00 | |
| " | Costs paid on sundry Judgments and Docket Fees, | 497 38 | |
| " | Discount and Exchange, | 395 41 | |
| " | City Solicitor's Expenses, | 100 00 | |
| " | State Tax on Interest of 32 renewed Bonds assumed by City, | 80 00 | |
| " | Taxes of 1861, refunded on abatement of valuation made by Commissioners, | 19 18 | |
| " | 3 per cent. Treasurer's commission on $1907 10 for Vehicle Licenses, | 57 22 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| " " " " " Water Rents " | | 10,494 74 |
| " " " " " Business Tax, " | | 345 26 |
| " John Moon, Weigh Master at Diamond Scales | | 30 47 |
| " Rob't Enis, " at " " | | 934 42 |
| " Jno. Chambers, " at 2d Ward " 1860, | | 291 95 |
| " " " " at " " 1861, | | 206 59 |
| " John A. White, " at " " " | | 1,216 93 |
| " M. M'Gonnigle, Rents for Butchers' Stalls, | | 2,390 00 |
| " " " " for Garden Stands, | | 1,975 45 |
| " Alex'r. Maxwell, Wharf Master, - - - | | 1,040 97 |
| " " " Salt Inspector, - - - | | 102 05 |
| " " " Inspector of Wood and Bark, | | 6 55 |
| " Simon Drum, Mayor, Fines, &c., - - - | | 262 60 |
| " John Alston, Ferrules, - - - - | | 467 02 |
| " Abraham Davis, New Buildings, - - - | | 743 03 |
| " Alexander Gray, 1st Ward Board Measurer, | | 53 90 |
| " S. W. M'Ginness, 3d " " " - | | 49 74 |
| " E. Faulhauber, 4th " " " - | | 2 77 |
| " John B. Miller, 3d " Alderman, Fine, - | | 3 00 |
| " P., Ft. W. & C. R. R. Co. Right of Way, - | | 3,300 00 |
| " P., A. & M. Passenger R. W. Co. " " - - | | 331 40 |
| " Wagon, &c. Licenses for 1860, - - - | | 5 67 |
| " " " for 1861, - - - - - | | 1,890 13 |
| " Penalties, - - - - - - - - - | | 80 |
| " New Plates, - - - - - - - - - | | 10 50 |
| " Ground Rents, - - - - - - - - | | 1,230 25 |
| | | $113,796 85 |
| 1862. | | |
| Jan. 16, To Balance in the Treasury, - - - - - | | $ 24,249 99 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| " 14 Matured Bonds redeemed, - - - - - | | 13,500 00 |
| " Balance as follows: | | |
| Outstanding Warrants, and Warrants ordered but not paid, - - - | $12,434 07 | |
| 3 Bonds, (Johnstons,) - - - | 3,000 00 | |
| Cash remitted East for redeeming local Bonds, - - - - - - | 5,000 00 | |
| | | $20,434 07 |
| Cash on hand, - - - - - - - | | 3,815 92 |
| | | $113,796 85 |

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ALLEGHENY CITY.

| Dr. | | | Cr. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To Foreign Bonds, | | $421,000 00 | By Rents due on Seminary Property, | | $ 1,557 45 |
| " Domestic " | | 27,154 47 | " Water Works, | | 388,465 13 |
| " Seminary Property, | | 35,000 00 | " Poor Farm, | | 25,000 00 |
| " Outstanding Warrants, 1859, | $1,205 40 | | " Fire Engines and Houses, | | 3,500 00 |
| " " " 1860, | 310 05 | | " Seminary Property, | | 35,000 00 |
| " " " 1861, | 1,934 34 | | " Cash for City Bonds unpaid, | | 15,500 00 |
| " Warrants ordered but not drawn. 1861, | 3,698 86 | | " Amount estimated as Collectible City and Business Taxes of 1860 and 1861, | | 8,403 71 |
| | | 7,148 65 | " Water Rents uncollected, 1861, | | 11,201 21 |
| " Interest due on Domestic Bonds, | | 185 30 | " John Alston, for Ferrules, | | 54 22 |
| " Profit and Loss, | | 6,943 20 | " Cash on hand, | | 8,749 99 |
| | | $497,431 71 | | | $497,431 71 |

ALLEGHENY CITY, Jan'y, 1862.

## Report of the Committee on Streets.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Streets would respectfully submit their annual report of work done and materials furnished during the year 1861: a statement showing the amount of grading and paving completed in '61, also the amount of monies collected and paid over to the contractors, together with a tabular statement of the amount yet due, all of which is fully set forth in papers marked A and B, which accompany the report.

The amount expended by order of the Committee and Councils in cleaning and repairing streets, bridges, &c., was $3.388.-68, to wit:

| | |
|---|---|
| Monthly pay rolls of street Commissioner | $ 398 63 |
| Repairing streets | 325 19 |
| " Sewers | 37 25 |
| Cleaning streets | 323 25 |
| Building and repairing bridges | 1,004 40 |
| Filling river avenue at bridge | 85 00 |
| Paving crossings, &c | 1,119 24 |
| Lumber | 63 34 |
| Hardware | 19 78 |
| Smith work | 12 60 |
| | $3,388 68 |

During the year there has been graded and paved of streets, alleys and side walks—embracing a front of 1200 yards or nearly three-fourths of a mile, at a cost $7.678.11, which has been assessed as follows: To the property $6.527.54; to the city

$1.150.57 ; of the said assessments there has been collected and paid over to the contractors $3.156.15, leaving a balance yet due and uncollected of $4.521.96. (See paper marked A.)

Of the amount due January 1st, 1861, of $16.215.26, there has been collected the sum of $11,764.74,leaving yet due the sum of $4.450.52. (See paper marked B.)

Since the enactment of the paving Law in 1849, there has been graded and paved about twenty-one and three-fourth miles of streets, alleys and side-walks, at a cost of $293.827.03 ; the amount collected and paid over has been $284.854.55, leaving yet a balance of $8.972.48 uncollected.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN WRIGHT,
JAMES LOCKHART,
JOHN K. BROWN,
JOSEPH LOVE.

A.

## A Statement of the Cost and Expenses of Grading and Paving of Streets, Alleys and Side-Walks,

During the year 1861, showing the whole cost of the same, the amount assessed to property holders, the amount assessed to the City, the amount collected and the balance due January 1, 1862.

| | Whole Cost of Streets. | Assessed to Property. | Assessed to City. | Collected. | Due. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Asylum Alley, | $ 645 60 | $ 607 60 | $ 38 00 | $ 356 56 | $ 289 04 |
| Buena Vista Street, | 1,405 45 | 1,315 85 | 89 60 | ..... | 1,405 45 |
| First Alley, from Middle to West Street, | 676 97 | 676 97 | ..... | 122 06 | 554 91 |
| Marion Avenue, from Ridge to Ohio Street, | 391 71 | ..... | 391 71 | 391 71 | ..... |
| School St. Side-Walk, from South Avenue to Rebecca St , | 31 94 | 31 94 | ..... | ..... | 31 94 |
| Taylor Avenue, | 4,006 30 | 3,635 19 | 371 11 | 1,940 40 | 2,065 90 |
| Western Avenue, from Mulberry Street to Ferry Lane, | 520 14 | 259 99 | 260 15 | 345 42 | 174 72 |
| Whole cost of Streets, | $7,678 11 | | | | |
| Assessed to Property, | | $6,527 54 | | | |
| " to City, | | | $1,150 57 | | |
| Collected, | | | | $3,156 15 | |
| Due, | | | | | $4,521 96 |

B.

# A STATEMENT OF BALANCES DUE ON STREETS,

**Showing Balances Due on January 1, 1861, the Amount Collected in the year 1861, and balances Due January 1, 1862.**

| | Due Jan 1, 1861. | Collected in 1861. | Due Jan. 1, 1862. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Allegheny Avenue, from South Avenue to Ridge Street, | 718 43 | | 718 43 |
| Beaver Street, from Ohio Street to City line, | 60 87 | 23 24 | 37 63 |
| Boyle Street, | 72 69 | 72 69 | |
| Cherry Street, | 60 94 | | 60 94 |
| Carpenter's Alley, from East Lane to Chestnut Street, Grading, | 26 82 | 26 82 | |
| " " " " to " Paving, | 28 86 | 13 98 | 14 88 |
| " " " Chestnut Street to Sycamore Street, | 17 78 | | 17 78 |
| Church Avenue, " Sandusky Street to Cedar Avenue, Side-Walk, | 279 10 | 279 10 | |
| " " " to " Street, | 119 16 | 71 16 | 48 00 |
| East Lane, " Ohio Street to Third Street, | 143 30 | | 143 30 |
| " " Third Street to City Line, | 229 90 | 229 90 | |
| Esplanade Street, | 1,634 38 | 899 49 | 734 89 |
| Fleming " North of Hemlock Street, | 78 45 | | 78 45 |
| Franklin Alley, | 26 88 | | 26 88 |
| Grantham Street, | 122 91 | 122 91 | |
| Goodrich " | 19 33 | 19 33 | |
| Hemlock " from Fleming to Poplar Street, | 92 86 | 92 86 | |
| Hazlep's Alley, " Hemlock Street to Mowry's Alley, | 8 32 | | 8 32 |
| " " " to Locust Street, | 117 54 | 117 54 | |
| James Street, | 14 41 | 14 41 | |
| Jackson " Side-walk, | 191 45 | 20 39 | 171 06 |
| Liberty " from Chestnut Street to East Lane, | 72 16 | | 72 16 |
| " " " East Lane to East Commons, | 46 69 | 1 00 | 45 69 |
| Lacock " " Federal Street to West Bank Lane, *now School Street*, | 105 36 | | 105 36 |
| Locust " | 110 32 | 110 32 | |

## STATEMENT OF BALANCES DUE ON STREETS.--CONTINUED.

| | Due Jan. 1, 1861. | Collected in 1861 | Due Jan. 1, 1862. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Monterey Street, | 2,128 59 | $1,868 10 | $ 260 49 |
| North " from Ohio to Washington Street, | 58 22 | 58 22 | ..... |
| Ohio " Side-walk, | 10 65 | ..... | 10 65 |
| Palo Alto " from Shannapin Street to Benton Alley, | 10 34 | ..... | 10 34 |
| " " " Benton Alley to Taylor Avenue, | 158 73 | 127 39 | 31 34 |
| Perry " | 874 27 | 874 27 | ..... |
| Pasture Lane, | 164 67 | ..... | 164 67 |
| Rebecca Street, from Allegheny Avenue to Water Lane, *now Western Avenue*, | 630 88 | ..... | 630 88 |
| Robinson " " Craig Street to Bank Lane, | 53 64 | ..... | 53 64 |
| " " " Gray's Alley to Hope Street, | 761 27 | 696 47 | 64 80 |
| Resaca " | 31 48 | ..... | 31 48 |
| Rose and Vine Alleys, | 24 73 | ..... | 24 73 |
| Sandusky Street, from Bank Lane to the Canal, | 41 75 | 41 75 | ..... |
| Saw-Mill Alley, " East Lane to Chestnut Street, | 34 58 | ..... | 34 58 |
| Second Street, | 2,401 07 | 2,401 07 | ..... |
| South Avenue Side-walk, | 717 19 | 427 01 | 290 18 |
| Third Street, from East Lane to Chestnut Street, Grading, | 802 10 | 802 10 | ..... |
| Tremont " | 2,375 22 | 2,375 22 | ..... |
| Union Avenue, Grading, | 21 07 | ..... | 21 07 |
| Water Lane, *now Western Avenue*, from Irwin's Avenue, to Fulton Street, | 31 87 | ..... | 31 87 |
| White Oak Alley, | 160 96 | 143 26 | 17 70 |
| Webster Street, from Shannapin Street to Jackson Street, | 223 07 | 125 84 | 197 23 |
| Balance Due, Jan. 1, 1861, | $16,215 26 | | |
| Collected in 1861, | | $11,764 74 | |
| Balance Due Jan. 1, 1862, | | | $4,450 52 |

## Annual Report of the Committee on Water.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny :*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Water herewith present for your consideration the annual Report of the Superintendent of Water Works, showing the amount expended by the city during the year 1861 for running the works, repairs, &c., also the amount expended in laying pipe and making other permanent improvements—also the very full and accurate statistical report of the assessor of water rents. And in conclusion we are unanimous in testifying that the efficient and faithful manner in which the duties of the office of Superintendent by Mr. John Alston, and that of the Assessor of water rents by Mr. Abraham Davis have been discharged, meets the approbation of the entire Committee.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. WALKER,
JAMES MARSHALL,
J. HOPKINS,
CHAS. P. WHISTON,
H. SKILES.

## Report of the Superintendent of Water Works.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN:—The following is a statement of the current expenses, the amount of pipe, fire plugs, stop cocks, &c, for the distribution of water.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid for coal and slack | | $2,611 04 | |
| " | Firemen | 1,081 00 | |
| " | Repairs | 615 19 | |
| " | Grate bars and castings | 108 29 | |
| " | Oils | 191 78 | |
| " | Gum and Rope Packing | 65 50 | |
| " | Brick and labor | 80 95 | |
| " | Tools | 7 85 | |
| | Total amount for running works | | $4,761 60 |
| Paid for repairing pipe, fire-plugs, inserting ferrules, &c., | | $811 10 | |
| " | Fire plug boxes | 28 88 | |
| " | Blacksmith work | 28 50 | |
| " | Gum packing | 19 37 | |
| " | Paving | 19 50 | |
| " | Lumber | 51 71 | |
| " | Ferrules | 65 50 | |
| " | Oil | 17 50 | |
| " | Nails | 5 73 | |
| " | Books | 3 87 | |
| " | Hauling | 31 25 | |
| | | | 1,082 91 |
| | | | $5,844 51 |
| Less 92 Ferrules, $2 50 | | $230 00 | |
| " | Old Iron | 28 14 | |
| | | | $ 258 14 |
| Current expenses for the year | | | $5,586 37 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount brought over, | | $5,586 37 |
| Paid for pipe for new extensions | $1,250 30 | |
| " Lead | 163 20 | |
| " Stop Cocks | 62 00 | |
| " Labor | 635 37 | |
| | | $2,110 87 |
| " Stone coping and finishing Basin wall | | 881 43 |
| Total amount | | $8,578 67 |
| Total amount of water rents | $45,014 86 | |

The following extensions were made in 1861;

| | |
|---|---|
| Boyle street | 210 feet |
| Pasture Lane | 312 " |
| Tremont and Central | 564 " |
| East Common | 185 " |
| Martin street | 358 " |
| Chestnut street | 448 " |
| Third street | 595 " |
| | 2,672 feet |
| Add former amount | 110,032 " |
| Total | 21 miles, 1,824 " |
| Number of fire plugs | 161 |
| Number of stop cocks | 229 |

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN ALSTON,

*Superintendent.*

## Report of Water Assessor.

*To the Honorable the Water Committee of the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN:—Your assessor and register of water rents would respectfully report the following, believing it will be of some interest to you and the citizens in general to know that our city is still progressing. The past year being one of unprecedented political troubles throughout our country, many of our citizens deferred making improvements until there is a change in the times, but notwithstanding the excitement, our city has moved forward like a mighty ship on the calm ocean, comparatively unmolested, while many of the cities, towns and villages throughout our country have been desolated by the ravages of war.

Below is a detailed report of the assessments made in Allegheny City on the various establishments and dwellings throughout the city and vicinity using the Hydrant water—the number of dwellings and sawmills that have no city water—the number of new buildings erected in the city during the past year—the whole number of buildings in the city, and the number of families.

The assessment is as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 4,122 | Dwelling houses pay | $29,664 07 |
| 309 | Stores with dwellings attached | 2,436 75 |
| 97 | Stores and offices separate from dwellings | 456 75 |
| 103 | Miscellaneous work shops | 503 25 |
| 14 | Schools and Colleges | 164 00 |
| 25 | Churches and Halls | 162 25 |
| 1 | House of Industry | 25 00 |
| 8 | Cotton and Woolen Mills | 1,087 25 |
| 7 | Planing and Sawmills | 315 00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5 | Foundries | 330 00 |
| 3 | Flour Mills | 320 00 |
| 5 | Oil Mills and Lead Manufactories | 330 00 |
| 4 | Machine shops and edge tool factories | 190 00 |
| 11 | Tanneries | 940 00 |
| 8 | Turning and Cabinet shops | 111 00 |
| 18 | Breweries and one Distillery | 1,305 00 |
| 1 | Soap and Candle factory | 30 00 |
| 4 | Livery Stables | 245 00 |
| 89 | Taverns, Hotels and beer halls | 2,197 00 |
| 1 | Gas works | 150 00 |
| 1 | Railroad depot and one station | 1,225 00 |
| 1 | State Prison, containing 288 prisoners on the 1st of January | 400 00 |
| 3 | Taverns and 17 cattle and hog yards | 790 00 |
| 15 | Slaughtering houses | 122 50 |
| 22 | Bakeries | 89 50 |
| 3 | Bridges | 45 75 |
| 20 | Barber shops | 103 25 |
| 427 | Horses and mules, not including livery stables | 533 75 |
| 213 | Cows | 106 50 |
| 118 | Hose for streets and pavements | 324 00 |
| | | $44,602 57 |
| | Assessment on new buildings | 412 29 |
| | | $45,014 86 |
| | Business Tax assessed 1,325 75 | |

RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|---|---|
| 1st Ward and Manchester | $ 8,977 06 |
| 2d Ward and McClure township | 9,566 15 |
| 3d Ward and Reserve township | 11,089 75 |
| 4th Ward and Duquesne Borough | 14,969 61 |
| On new buildings | 412 29 |
| | $45,014 86 |

In the year 1860 there were 73 dwellings, 4 sawmills and one white lead factory unsupplied with city water. There are yet 67 dwellings, 4 sawmills and one lead factory unsupplied, The greater portion of these houses are located in the first and second Ward, and on streets and lanes where no water pipe is laid. During the past year 139 new buildings have been erected in the city, at a cost of $137,450; apportioned among the several wards as follows: First Ward, 29; Second, 43; Third, 41; Fourth, 26. The greater portion of these were of a medium size, just such as the city requires. There has also been considerable refitting and altering going on throughout the city

which is not included in the list. Nearly all the buildings in the list have been completed, and the remainder will be before April. The city contains 4,841 buildings. The number of separate and distinct families occupying the said dwellings is 5,943, making a difference of 16 families more than last year. From this statement it will be seen that nearly two thousand families are compelled to rent and occupy parts of houses, which many of them would not do if they could obtain small tenements.

In point of population our city has increased but very little, if any, the past year, but if she can hold her own through these trying times we may safely look forward when she will lengthen her cords and strengthen her stakes. Some two or three weeks after I had commenced to make the assessment last Spring, I found many of our good citizens preparing to shoulder the musket and leave their homes and families in defence of their country. I had almost come to the conclusion that the assessment would fall far short of the past year, but when the whole was completed and the figures compared I found an increase of about one thousand dollars over the year 1860; and with proper care and attention to the assessment a corresponding increase may be expected in the revenue from water rents.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. DAVIS.

## Report of the Committee on City Poor Farm.

*To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN:—Herewith we submit to Councils the Annual Report of the Warden and Directors of the City Poor Farm, for the year 1861.

Having visited the Farm, statedly, during the year just past, it affords your committee great pleasure to bear testimony to the care, good taste and economy with which the affairs of the City Poor Farm are administered by your present Warden, John S. Gould, Esq. The buildings, fixtures and furniture are kept scrupulously clean, and comfort, coupled with strict economy, is evident in every department.

The recent improvements in the buildings will add to the facilities for taking proper care of the hopelessly insane, without incurring the expense of boarding that class of unfortunate poor, as heretofore, in the Western Penna. Hospital.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN K. BROWN,
W. W. BALL,
J. H. CAMPBELL,
BENJ. PATTERSON,
SAMUEL RIDDLE,
*Committee.*

Allegheny City, Jan., 1862.

| | |
|---|---|
| Requisitions, | 9,782 32 |
| Out Door Relief, | 679 64 |
| Miscellaneous, | 211 74 |
| Total, | $11,495 36 |

## 1861.

| | |
|---|---|
| Flour, | 121 15 |
| Groceries, | 811 56 |
| Shoes, | 100 65 |
| Dry Goods, | 462 64 |
| Chandlery, | 65 73 |
| Hardware, | 26 20 |
| Meat, | 603 62 |
| Coal, | 418 90 |
| Drugs, | 72 72 |
| Repairs, | 1,238 95 |
| Building, | 2,596 99 |
| Out Door Relief, | 679 64 |
| Miscellaneous, | 1,273 27 |
| | $11,495 36 |
| Buildings, | $2,596 99 |
| Repairs, | 1,238 95 |
| Out Door Relief, | 679 64 |
| | $4,515 58 |
| Cost of keeping the House, | $6,979 78 |

| 1861. | Coal. | Drugs. | Repairs. | Building. | Out Door Relief. | Miscellaneous. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January, | $195 60 | | $ 4 00 | | $ 48 70 | $ 25 62 |
| February, | | 9 82 | | | 63 98 | 82 39 |
| March, | | 13 84 | | | 73 45 | 51 84 |
| April, | | 5 34 | | | 39 25 | 41 06 |
| May, | 74 40 | 1 40 | 91 39 | | 58 50 | 193 84 |
| June, | | 6 81 | | | 37 27 | 45 32 |
| July, | 36 00 | 2 55 | 161 26 | | 35 50 | 111 39 |
| August, | | 5 42 | 66 55 | 619 69 | 41 12 | 108 41 |
| September, | | 1 87 | 286 68 | | 56 92 | 63 13 |
| October, | | 4 20 | 623 42 | 88 00 | 53 74 | 75 06 |
| November, | | 3 18 | 5 65 | 298 58 | 51 09 | 26 09 |
| December, | 112 90 | 18 29 | | 1,590 72 | 120 12 | 449 12 |
| | $418 90 | $72 72 | $1,238 95 | $2,596 99 | $679 64 | $1,273 27 |

# 1861.

## REPORT OF THE STEWARD OF THE POOR FARM.

| | |
|---|---|
| No. of Paupers on hand Jan. 1, 1861, | 104 |
| " admitted since, | 57 |
| " Births, | 6 |
| | 167 |
| " Discharged, | 62 |
| " Deaths, | 11 |
| | 73 |
| " On hand December 31, 1861, | 94 |

Average No. for the year, 101. Whole cost of whom, exclusive of Out-door Relief is 6,979 78, from which deduct amount paid from receipts $1082 90—$5,806 88 to be paid by tax.

Cost of each pauper to the City per year, ... $58 38½

" " " " per week, .. 1 12

### Insane Department.

| | |
|---|---|
| Number paying board, | 1 |
| " Insane City paupers, | 17 |
| | 18 |

Males, 4; Females, 14, ..... 18

## INVENTORY OF STOCK, PRODUCE AND OUTSTANDING DEBTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| 2 Horses, | $250 00 |
| 2 Mules, | 300 00 |
| 7 Cows, | 140 00 |
| 4 Wagons, 1 Cart, 1 Wood-mill, | 200 00 |
| Stock Hogs, | 50 00 |
| 13 Fat Hogs, | 100 00 |
| Farming Utensils, | 150 00 |
| 72 Hot-bed Sash, @2, | 144 00 |
| Manure on hand, | 75 00 |
| 75 Bushels Rye, 50c., | 37 50 |
| 250 " Corn, 40c., | 100 00 |
| 150 " Oats, 25c., | 37 50 |
| 300 " Potatoes, 40c., | 120 00 |
| 200 " Turnips, 40c., | 80 00 |
| Amount carried up, | $1,784 00 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount brought up, | $1,784 00 |
| 300 Bushels Roots, 40c., | 120 00 |
| 5000 Heads Cabbage, 4c., | 200 00 |
| 40 Tons Hay, @12, | 480 00 |

### Debts Receivable.

| | |
|---|---|
| Borough of New Castle, | $156 00 |
| Lorenz, Stewart & Co., | 244 85 |
| R. H. & P. Knox, | 52 00 |
| Beaver County, | 131 28 |
| | $584 13 |
| | $3,168 13 |

## RECAPITULATION.

### RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Boarding Paupers, | $ 253 00 |
| Marketing, | 618 16 |
| Requisitions, | 9,782 32 |
| Out Door Relief, | 679 64 |
| Miscellaneous, | 211 74 |
| Total, | $11,495 36 |

### EXPENDITURES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Salaries, | $1,290 00 |
| Labor, | 1,057 34 |
| Flour, | 797 15 |
| Groceries, | 811 56 |
| Shoes, | 100 65 |
| Dry Goods, | 462 64 |
| Chandlery, | 65 73 |
| Hardware, | 26 20 |
| Meat, | 603 62 |
| Coal, | 418 90 |
| Drugs, | 72 74 |
| Repairs, | 1,238 95 |
| Building, | 2,596 99 |
| Out Door Relief, | 679 64 |
| Miscellaneous, | 1,273 27 |
| | $11,495 36 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Buildings, | $2,596 99 |
| Repairs, | 1,238 95 |
| Out Door Relief, | 679 64 |
| | $4,515 58 |
| Cost of keeping the House, | $6,979 78 |

## RECEIPTS.

| 1861. | Boarding Paupers. | Marketing. | Requisitions. | Out Door Relief. | Miscellaneous. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January, | $ 52 00 | ..... | $ 240 53 | $ 48 70 | $ 25 62 |
| February, | 3 00 | ..... | 71 82 | 56 00 | 82 39 |
| March, | 17 00 | $ 42 89 | 1,419 81 | 63 39 | 63 38 |
| April, | 12 00 | 41 60 | 35 25 | 53 25 | 26 25 |
| May, | 66 01 | 58 50 | 18 50 | 38 82 | 41 06 |
| June, | 156 00 | 408 28 | 8 00 | 130 00 | 193 84 |
| July, | 186 62 | 37 21 | ..... | 30 00 | 45 32 |
| August, | 71 15 | 35 50 | 48 87 | 35 50 | 111 20 |
| September, | 60 11 | 1,720 08 | 22 00 | 65 93 | 68 13 |
| October, | 43 54 | 1,813 95 | ..... | 63 74 | 75 06 |
| November, | 53 88 | 597 20 | ..... | 51 09 | 26 09 |
| December, | 28 38 | 2,199 38 | ..... | 120 12 | 449 12 |
| | $253 00 | $618 16 | $9,782 32 | $679 64 | $1,273 27 |

## EXPENDITURES.

| 1861. | Salaries. | Labor. | Flour. | Groceries. | Shoes. | Dry Goods. | Cap and Chandlery. | Hardware. | Meat. | Coal. | Drugs. | Repairs. | Building. | Out Door Relief. | Miscellaneous. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January, | $ 33 33 | $ 2 50 | $ 75 65 | $ 65 85 | $ 17 43 | $ 35 41 | ..... | ..... | ..... | $195 60 | ..... | $ 4 00 | ..... | $ 48 70 | $ 25 62 |
| February, | 59 09 | ..... | 40 50 | 59 09 | 55 17 | 29 11 | $14 24 | ..... | 64 65 | ..... | 9 82 | ..... | ..... | 56 00 | 82 39 |
| March, | 266 67 | 214 00 | 101 50 | 334 88 | 7 65 | 17 01 | ..... | 3 62 | ..... | ..... | 13 84 | ..... | ..... | 63 39 | 63 38 |
| April, | ..... | ..... | 13 00 | 38 82 | 3 60 | 13 40 | 10 18 | ..... | ..... | 74 40 | 1 40 | ..... | ..... | 53 25 | 26 25 |
| May, | ..... | ..... | 130 00 | 130 00 | 19 40 | 10 80 | ..... | 5 35 | ..... | ..... | 91 30 | ..... | ..... | 38 82 | 41 06 |
| June, | 300 00 | 220 12 | 57 00 | 10 30 | 9 24 | 135 26 | 10 25 | ..... | ..... | 6 81 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 130 00 | 193 84 |
| July, | ..... | 4 50 | 83 50 | 55 17 | 7 65 | 25 32 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 55 | 161 26 | ..... | ..... | 30 00 | 45 32 |
| August, | ..... | 106 17 | ..... | 7 70 | 33 49 | ..... | 10 38 | ..... | 36 00 | 1 62 | 256 65 | ..... | ..... | 35 50 | 111 20 |
| September, | 300 00 | 22 00 | ..... | 1 00 | 13 48 | 54 51 | 13 52 | 4 01 | ..... | 1 62 | 619 69 | ..... | ..... | 65 93 | 68 13 |
| October, | ..... | 21 00 | 83 00 | 20 91 | 9 49 | 6 75 | ..... | 6 75 | ..... | 4 20 | 623 42 | ..... | ..... | 63 74 | 75 06 |
| November, | ..... | ..... | 49 00 | ..... | 7 12 | 50 49 | ..... | 6 12 | ..... | 3 18 | 288 58 | ..... | ..... | 51 09 | 26 09 |
| December, | 390 00 | 279 00 | 40 50 | 59 71 | 8 55 | 7 55 | 3 50 | ..... | 538 97 | 112 00 | 18 29 | 1,500 72 | ..... | 120 12 | 449 12 |
| | $1,290 00 | $1057 34 | $797 15 | $811 56 | $100 65 | $462 64 | $65 73 | $26 20 | $603 62 | $418 90 | $72 74 | $1,238 95 | $2,596 99 | $679 64 | $1,273 27 |

## Report of the Warden of the Allegheny Alms House.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of Allegheny City:*

DEAR SIRS:—Enclosed please find statistical and explanatory report of the Warden of the Allegheny City Alms House for the year 1861. We submit it to you as a complete statement of the financial operations of our board for the past year.

The beautiful and substantial addition to our insane Department, commenced by the authority of your Honorable body, is approaching completion, and will, when ready for occupancy, give us a Hospital for that unfortunate class, which, for all practical purposes, cannot be excelled. We have long felt the necessity of suitable accomodations for the treatment of "recent cases" of insanity with a view to their restoration to health and reason, where, away from the company and the influences of the degraded and vicious of their class, they could receive the attention necessary to promote that end. This improvement will abundantly supply that want, and enable us to place our "confirmed cases" in the old building, in more comfortable circumstances. The work upon the new building has all been thoroughly and neatly done, reflecting credit upon all engaged in its construction.

During the past year it was found necessary to make considerable outlay upon all the buildings. The main building and the old Insane Hospital have both been re-shingled, and the exposed wood work, which was going to decay, re-painted. They have also been furnished with new conductors both for rain and lightning, the chimney tops rebuilt, the fire-places repaired and

many minor improvements made, which were necessary not alone for the comfort, but also for the preservation and safety of the buildings themselves.

All of which we respectfully submit,

J. P. FLEMING, Sec'y.

Allegheny City, Jan'y 2d, 1862.

*To Messrs.* J. P. Fleming, Jas. Sloss & I. V. Hoag, *Directors of the Poor of Allegheny City:*

Dear Sirs:—I herewith present for your supervision my third annual Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of this Institution for the year 1861, together with monies expended for "out door relief," and in building and repairs.

The expenses incurred in keeping the House have varied but little from the previous year. Most of our supplies, such as sugar, molasses, tea, coffee, &c., have materially advanced in price, but this increase in our expenditures has been counteracted by a fruitful season, and by having at all times an abundant supply of all the products of the farm.

The year has been one of remarkable health among the inmates. They are all in comfortable condition, and as far as I can judge, generally contented.

I desire to acknowledge my obligations to your board for the consideration with which you have ever been pleased to treat me, and for the prompt manner in which I have been sustained in the discharge of my duty.

Yours, &c.,

JOHN S. GOULD,

*Warden.*

**Dr.** **David Macferron, Treasurer, in account with the Fund of Allegheny City Alms House.** **Cr.**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1861. | | | | | |
| April 17, | To Amount overpaid on Duplicate of 1857, refunded to S. Bulford, | $ 17 85 | By | Balance in the Treasury, | $6,930 19 |
| December, | " Warrants paid, | 11,758 13 | " | John Ramsey, on Duplicate of 1859, | 328 44 |
| | | | " | James Graham, " " | 104 04 |
| | | | " | Amount paid " of 1860, | 577 04 |
| | | | " | " " " of 1861, | 2,906 07 |
| | | | " | " Overdrawn, | 927 20 |
| | | $11,775 98 | | | $11,775 98 |
| 1862. | | | | | |
| Jan. 16, | To Balance overdrawn, | $ 927 20 | | | |

## Report of the Committee on Markets.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Markets beg leave to submit their annual Report, showing the amounts expended for repairs on markets, scales, yards, &c., and the revenue derived from the same, during the year 1861.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount expended for repairs, | | $ 114 29 |
| REVENUE. | | |
| From rents of Butcher stalls | $2,390 00 | |
| " " Garden stands | 1,975 45 | |
| | | $4,365 45 |
| Decrease from revenue of 1860 | | 236 18 |
| From Diamond Weigh Scales | $ 965 34 | |
| " Second Ward | 1,357 55 | |
| | | $2,322 89 |
| Increase over revenue of 1860 | | 860 98 |

Your Committee would bear testimony to the industry and efficiency of M. McGonigle, Esq., clerk of Markets, Robt. Enis, Esq., weighmaster at Diamond scales, and John A. White, Esq. weighmaster at Second Ward scales. The manner in which these officers have severally performed their respective duties, merits the approbation of councils.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN HEATH,
H. SKILES,
LOUIS MOUL,
SAMUEL RIDDLE,
*Committee.*

Allegheny City, Jan'y, 1862.

## Report of the Committee on Gas.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Gas in submitting their annual statement would respectfully report

That the whole number of public lamps now erected and lighted by the city is two hundred and ten, (210) the cost to the city for gas consumed, cleaning and repairing lamps, new posts, &c., for the year 1861 was $4,715 03, to wit:

| | |
|---|---|
| Gas consumed by city lamps, Markets, Town House and Mayor's office | $4,570 78 |
| Repairs to lamps, new posts, &c. | 144 25 |
| | $4,715 03 |

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH LOVE,
CHAS. P. WHISTON,
JAS. LOCKHART,
JOHN ATWELL,
WM. SMITH,

*Committee.*

## Report of the Committee on Printing.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Printing in making their annual statement to Councils would respectfully report:

That the whole amount expended by the city for publishing proceedings, stationery, blank books, job printing, advertising, &c., and for which warrants have been ordered to be drawn, for the year 1861 amounts to $758,65, to wit:

| | |
|---|---|
| Stationery, blank books, &c | $398,65 |
| Newspapers publishing proceedings, (English $200, German 75,) | 275,00 |
| Job printing and advertising | 85 00 |
| | $758 65 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. BROWN,
W. W. BALL,
JOHN ATWELL,
BENJ. PATTERSON,
*Committee.*

## Report of Committee on Fire Engines.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny*:

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Engines and Hose, in making their annual exhibit, would respectfully report:

That the whole amount expended by the city for the Fire Department for the year 1861, including the last quarter of 1860 has been $1,599 17, to wit:

| | |
|---|---|
| Quarter ending Jan'y 1st, 1861. | $ 248 95 |
| For 1861 | 1,018 50 |
| Repairs to houses, reels, &c | 331 72 |
| | $1,599 17 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. HOPKINS,
WM. W. BALL,
W. S. BISSELL,
*Committee.*

## Report of Committee on Wharves and Landings.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny :*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Wharves and Landings, in their annual statement, would respectfully report :

That the amount of revenue derived from wharfage during the year 1861 has been $1,040 97, showing an increase over the revenue of 1860 of $91,97.

The amount expended and for which warrants were ordered to be drawn by Councils for repairs to wharf has been $357 29

Net revenue .....$688 50

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. BALL,
JAS. H. CAMPBELL,
GEORGE LEWIS,
*Committee.*

# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF

STANDING COMMITTEES

OF

# Select and Common Councils

OF THE

# CITY OF ALLEGHENY;

ALSO, THE

## Report of the Steward of the Poor Farm, &c.

[For the year 1863]

PITTSBURGH:
W. G. Johnston & Co., Book and Job Printers and Stationers, 57 Wood and 105 Third Sts.
1864.

Resolved, That all Annual Reports of Committees be referred to the Auditing Committee in connection with the Finance for publication.

D. MACFERRON,
*Clerk of Select Council.*

M. M'GONNIGLE,
*Clerk of Common Council.*

# Report of the Auditing Committee.

*To the Select and Common Councils of Allegheny City:*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the various City officers, desire to report, that they have performed the duty assigned them, and take pleasure in commending the gentlemen in the different departments for the accurate manner they have kept their accounts, and for their prompt response to the call of the Committee, all of which very materially lessened our labors.

We also, herewith, report the Treasurer's Balance Account, and the Financial Statement for the year ending Jan. 13, 1864.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANDREW D. SMITH,
HENRY IRWIN,
JNO. L. L. KNOX,
H. M. DUNLAP,
R. B. FRANCIS,

JAN. 13, 1864.

**Dr.** David Macferron, Treasurer, in Account with the City of Allegheny. **Cr.**

**1864.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JAN. 13, To | Balance in the Treasury January 15, 1863, | | $ 7,503 24 |
| " | City Taxes, paid for 1860, | | 931 01 |
| " | " " " " 1861, from 1st Ward, | $202 62 | |
| " | " " " " " " 2d " | 70 29 | |
| " | " " " " " " 3d " | 58 42 | |
| " | " " " " " " 4th " | 135 24 | |
| | | | 466 57 |
| " | " " " " 1862, " 1st " | 1,247 61 | |
| " | Water Rents, " " " " " " | 2,185 87 | |
| " | Business Txs, " " " " " " | 87 00 | |
| " | City Taxes, " " " " 2d " | 626 14 | |
| " | Water Rents, " " " " " " | 1,573 70 | |
| " | Business Txs, " " " " " " | 40 75 | |
| " | City Taxes, " " " " 3d " | 1,088 78 | |
| " | Water Rents, " " " " " " | 2,565 93 | |
| " | Business Txs, " " " " " " | 36 00 | |
| " | City Taxes, " " " " 4th " | 1,283 07 | |
| " | Water Rents, " " " " " " | 3,410 91 | |
| " | Business Txs, " " " " " " | 101 00 | |
| | | | 14,246 76 |
| " | City Taxes, " " 1863, " 1st " | 7,754 29 | |
| " | Water Rents, " " " " " " | 7,377 21 | |
| " | Business Txs, " " " " " " | 262 27 | |
| " | City Taxes, " " " " 2d " | 6,887 71 | |
| " | Water Rents, " " " " " " | 9,347 19 | |
| " | Business Txs, " " " " " " | 146 34 | |
| " | City Taxes, " " " " 3d " | 5,564 93 | |
| " | Water Rents, " " " " " " | 9,183 35 | |
| " | Business Txs, " " " " " " | 225 56 | |
| " | City Taxes, " " " " 4th " | 10,738 53 | |
| " | Water Rents, " " " " " " | 11,578 61 | |

**1864.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| JAN. 13, By | Warrants paid on sundry appropriations for 1863, viz: | |
| | No. 1, Salaries, | $ 9,835 29 |
| | " 2, Interest on old City Bonds, | 25,611 33 |
| | " 3, Engines and Firemen, | 4,348 49 |
| | " 4, Printing, | 553 10 |
| | " 5, Streets and Bridges, | 1,223 38 |
| | " 6, Wharves and Landings, | |
| | " 7, Rents, | 575 00 |
| | " 8, Surveys, | 210 50 |
| | " 9, Contingent Fund, | 3,683 74 |
| | " 10, Poor Farm, | |
| | " 11, Water Works, | 15,117 25 |
| | " 12, Outstanding Warrants, | 2,876 72 |
| | " 13, Gas, | 4,787 20 |
| | " 14, Sinking Fund, | 22,501 00 |
| " | Cash paid for advertising payment of Interest, | 9 78 |
| " | Deficiency of requisition of Directors of Poor for 1863, paid, | 981 43 |
| " | Cash paid for registering letters containing remittance of interest, | 40 |
| " | Cash paid for Stamps, | 11 03 |
| " | " " " Taxes on Water Works and Basin, | 706 03 |
| " | " " " Discount and Exchange, | 95 38 |
| " | " " " Claim of John M'Donald, | 90 00 |
| " | " " " Cleaning Treasurer's Office, and posting bills, | 4 00 |
| " | Commissions paid to Chauncey Weeks, collector, | 6 92 |
| " | " " " David Gow, | 145 02 |
| " | 3 per ct. Treasurer's fees on $2,224.75 of Vehicle Licenses, | 66 74 |
| " | Cash paid for 5 Domestic Bonds, matured, | 5,000 00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| " Business Txs, " " " " " " | 337 48 | |
| | | 69,403 47 |
| " Am't paid on 2d assess't of Water Rents for 1862, | | 509 45 |
| " A. Davis, for collec's, new build'gs & street hose, '63, | | 514 57 |
| " Vehicle Licenses for 1863, | 2,216 75 | |
| " New Plates, | 8 00 | |
| | | 2,224 75 |
| " Pitts., Ft. W. & C. R. W. Co. for right of way, | | 3,300 00 |
| " Ground Rents for Seminary Lots, | | 1,960 37 |
| " Rent for Select Council Room, | | 90 00 |
| " A. C. Alexander, (Mayor,) Fines, Forfeitures, &c., | | 502 00 |
| " A. Hobson, collections on streets, | | 970 42 |
| " Alexander Dallas, rent for Garden Stands, | | 196 35 |
| " Robert Enis, proceeds of Diamond Scales, | | 55 27 |
| " Wm. Scandrett, " " " | | 934 65 |
| " John A. White, " 2d Ward " | | 2,255 86 |
| " Alexander Maxwell, proceeds from Wharfages, | | 906 81 |
| " " " " " Inspecting Salt, | | 147 67 |
| " " " " " " Bark, | | 9 27 |
| " John Alston, Sundries, | | 373 12 |
| " George Hutchison, proceeds of sale old Fire Engines, | | 100 00 |
| " A. P. Gray, proceeds from Board Measuring, | | 20 13 |
| " Wm. Murdock, " " " " | | 17 22 |
| " S. W. M'Ginness " " " " | | 11 90 |
| " R. Brown, " " " " | | 10 |
| " S. Schoyer, Jr., costs advertis'g open'g sts. refunded, | | 64 50 |
| " John Sterrett, Sheriff costs refunded, | | 14 66 |
| | | $107,730 12 |

| | |
|---|---|
| " " " " City Solicitor's expenses, | 15 00 |
| " " " " " Scrip, | 7 00 |
| " " " " Interest on same, | 3 00 |
| " " " " Express charges and dispatches, | 23 25 |
| " " " " Court and Sheriff's costs, | 74 28 |
| " " " " Water Committee's expenses, | 150 00 |
| " " in Sinking Fund, | 7,752 50 |
| " Balance in the Treasury, | 1,465 36 |
| | $107,730 12 |

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ALLEGHENY CITY,

**For the Year Ending January 13, 1864.**

| Dr. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To | Foreign Bonds, | | $420,000 00 |
| " | Domestic " | | 9,154 47 |
| " | Seminary Property, | | 35,000 00 |
| " | Outstanding Warrants, (1859,) | $ 598 71 | |
| " | " " (1860,) | 188 37 | |
| " | " " (1861,) | 276 19 | |
| " | " " (1862,), | 10 50 | |
| " | " " (1863,) | 6 25 | |
| " | Warrants ordered but not drawn, | 4,157 71 | |
| | | | 5,237 73 |
| " | Interest due on Domestic Bonds, | | 485 93 |
| " | Profit and Loss, | | 3,095 59 |
| | | | $472,973 72 |

| Cr. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By | Amount due from P., Ft. W. & C. R. W. Co. | | $ 150 00 |
| " | " Taxes due from Wm. Hobson, (1860,) | $ 778 10 | |
| " | " " " " James Miller, (1862,) | 2,675 46 | |
| " | " " " " John B. Miller, (1862,) | 994 21 | |
| " | " " " " S. Henderson, (1862,) | 1,550 77 | |
| " | " " " " " (1863,) | 5,454 94 | |
| " | " " " " M. M'Gonnigle (1863,) | 4,404 83 | |
| " | " " " " S. Bulford, (1863,) | 3,142 80 | |
| " | " " " " James Miller, (1863,) | 3,100 47 | |
| " | " " " " John Ramsey, (1860,) | 154 60 | |
| | | | 22,256 18 |
| " | Uncollected claims in hands of S. Schoyer, Esq., | | 150 96 |
| " | Ground Rent due on Seminary Property, | | 1,421 82 |
| " | Amount due by A. & J. M'Kenna, | | 461 64 |
| " | Water Works, | | 396,315 26 |
| " | Seminary Property, | | 35,000 00 |
| " | Amount paid on New Market House, | | 8,000 00 |
| " | Cash to credit of Sinking Fund, | | 7,752 50 |
| " | Cash on hand, | | 1,465 36 |
| | | | $472,973 72 |

# Report of the Committee on Streets.

*To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Streets would respectfully submit their Annual Report of work done, and materials furnished for streets in the year 1863, with a statement of the amount of grading and paving completed in 1863; also, tabular statements showing the whole cost of the work, the amount collected and paid to the contractors, and the amount yet due; all of which is fully set forth in papers marked A and B, which accompany this report.

The amount expended by order of the Committee, and for which warrants were ordered by Councils, to be drawn on the Treasurer, for cleaning and repairing streets, bridges, &c., in the year 1863, amounts to $2,425.28, viz:

| | |
|---|---|
| Monthly Pay Rolls of the Street Commissioner, | $ 282 68 |
| Cleaning Streets, special appropriation, | 687 50 |
| Repairing " " " | 538 50 |
| Paving Side-walks on Ohio and Federal Streets, special approp'n, | 578 13 |
| " " across the South Common, " " | 84 50 |
| Street Crossings, | 171 07 |
| Smith Work, | 20 62 |
| Lumber, | 15 50 |
| Hardware, | 18 38 |
| Stone for covering wells, | 29 00 |
| | $2,425 28 |

The law for grading and paving the streets at the expense of the property holder was enacted by the Legislature in 1849, and since that time there have been graded and paved within the limits of the City, streets and alleys fronting 23½ miles, at a cost to the property holder and City of $306,461.52, of which amount there has been collected and paid over to the proper

persons, $300,999.54; leaving a balance of only $5.461.98 yet due on all the streets and alleys; the whole of which we confidently believe will be collected during the ensuing year.

During the year 1863, streets and alleys have been graded and paved, embracing a front of about one-eighth of a mile, at a cost of $3,595.31, assessed as follows: To the property—$2,821.01; to the City—$774.30; of which there has been collected $1,565.56, leaving a balance yet due of $2,029.75. (See paper marked A.)

The balance due January 1, 1863, for grading and paving streets and alleys was $8,808.51; of that amount there has been collected $5,376.28. Balance yet due, $3,432.23, a part of which is in litigation. (See paper marked B.)

The foregoing gratifying exhibit is mainly due to the watchful care of our Street Commissioner, Mr. A. Hobson, who has made the above collections and disbursements, and has also collected and paid into the City Treasury the sum of $970.42 of old claims which were considered in a great measure lost; and he has at all times kept the streets in as good condition as possible with the appropriations and means under his control; and in saying he has performed his duty to our entire satisfaction, is nothing but an act of justice.

JNO. WRIGHT.
J. HOPKINS.
H. M. DUNLAP.
WM. MULLER.
R. THOMPSON.

A.

# A STATEMENT OF THE COST AND EXPENSE OF GRADING AND PAVING STREETS AND ALLEYS,

Within the City, for the year 1863, showing the whole cost, the amount assessed to property holders and to the City, the amount collected, and the balances due January 1, 1864.

| | Whole Cost. | Assd. to Prop. | Assd. to City. | Collected. | Due Jan. 1, '64 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pitt and Gay Streets, from Federal Street to Ohio Street, | $2,271 98 | $2,160 31 | $111 67 | $ 421 37 | $1,850 61 |
| Side-walks on Ohio and Federal Sts. in front of Market, | 578 13 | | 578 13 | 578 13 | |
| Morgan Alley, | 660 70 | 660 70 | | 481 56 | 179 14 |
| Side-walk on Federal Street, across the South Common, | 84 50 | | 84 50 | 84 50 | |
| Whole cost, | $3,595 31 | | | | |
| Assessed to property, | | $2,821 01 | | | |
| Assessed to City, | | | $774 30 | | |
| Amount collected, | | | | $1,565 56 | |
| Amount Due, | | | | | $2,029 75 |

B.

## A STATEMENT OF BALANCES DUE ON STREETS, JAN. 1, 1863,

Showing the amount collected, and balance still due Jan. 1, 1864.

| | Due Jan. 1, '63. | Collected. | Due Jan. 1, '64. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Allegheny Avenue, | $ 718 43 | $ 465 81 | $ 252 62 |
| Asylum Alley, | 115 84 | 86 88 | 28 96 |
| Beaver Street, from Ohio St. to City line, | 37 63 | | 37 63 |
| Buena Vista Street, | 102 12 | 102 12 | |
| Cherry Street, | 60 94 | 60 94 | |
| Carroll Street, from Pasture Lane to Beaver St., | 2,838 12 | 959 78 | 1,878 34 |
| East Lane, from Ohio to Third St., | 143 30 | 143 30 | |
| Esplanade Street, | 71 86 | 71 86 | |
| Fleming Street, north of Hemlock, | 78 45 | 78 45 | |
| Franklin Alley, | 13 44 | | 13 44 |
| Green Street, | 1,546 49 | 1,386 06 | 160 43 |
| Gerst's Alley, | 745 56 | 615 79 | 129 77 |
| Goodrich Street, (grading,) north of Lacock, | 125 03 | 125 03 | |
| Jackson Street, side-walk, | 171 06 | | 171 06 |
| Liberty Street, from East Lane to East Commons, | 45 69 | | 45 69 |
| Lacock Street, from Federal to School St., | 105 36 | | 105 36 |
| Ohio Street, side-walk, | 10 65 | | 10 65 |
| Rebecca Street, from Allegheny Av. to Western Av. | 401 78 | | 401 78 |
| Robinson Street, from Craig to School St., | 53 64 | | 53 64 |
| Robinson Street, from Gray's Alley to Hop St., | 44 80 | 44 80 | |
| Rebecca Street, | 31 84 | | 31 84 |
| Rose and Vine Alleys, | 24 73 | | 24 73 |
| South Avenue, side-walk, | 110 71 | 59 49 | 51 22 |
| Taylor Avenue, | 123 71 | 123 71 | |
| Union Avenue, grading, | 9 07 | 9 07 | |
| Union Avenue, from Ohio to Strawberry Alley, | 249 55 | 249 55 | |
| Shields' Alley, | 731 00 | 702 88 | 28 12 |
| Western Avenue, from Irwin's Av. to Fulton St., | 31 87 | 24 92 | 6 95 |
| Webster Street, | 15 92 | 15 92 | |
| Western Avenue, from Mulberry St. to Ferry Lane, | 49 92 | 49 92 | |
| Due January 1, 1863, | $8,808 51 | | |
| Collected, | | $5,376 28 | |
| Due January 1, 1864, | | | $3,432 23 |

# Report of the Superintendent of Water Works.

*To the Honorable, the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN:—The following is a statement of the current expenses, the amount of pipe, &c., for the distribution of water:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid for Coal | | $6,027 88 | |
| " " Firemen | | 1,743 14 | |
| " " Castings | | 20 35 | |
| " " Oils | | 252 22 | |
| " " Gum and rope packing | | 175 51 | |
| " " Copper steam-pipe | | 323 74 | |
| " " Brick and labor | | 88 67 | |
| " " Lumber | | 26 19 | |
| " " Repairs | | 113 70 | |
| " " Tools | | 16 50 | |
| Total amount for running works | | | $8,787 90 |
| Paid for Repairing pipe, fire-plugs, &c. | | $801 46 | |
| " " Fire-plug boxes | | 43 79 | |
| " " Blacksmith work | | 46 19 | |
| " " Tools and repairing | | 82 00 | |
| " " Lumber | | 70 30 | |
| " " Hauling | | 51 24 | |
| " " Paving | | 32 72 | |
| " " Fire Plug | | 23 00 | |
| " " Repairing hand Pump | | 3 00 | |
| " " Ferrules | | 309 76 | |
| | | $1,463 46 | |
| Less for Ferrules | $315 00 | | |
| " Old Iron | 31 90 | | |
| | | 346 90 | |
| | | | $1,116 56 |
| Current expenses for the year | | | $9,904 46 |

Amount carried forward.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount brought forward, | | $9,904 46 |
| Paid for Pipe for new extensions | $871 31 | |
| " " Lead | 113 67 | |
| " " Labor | 372 00 | |
| | | $1,356 98 |
| | | $11,261 44 |
| Paid for Stone work on East basin | $3,590 50 | |
| " " Hydraulic Cement | 709 50 | |
| " " Brick laying | 180 70 | |
| " " Lime | 42 40 | |
| " " Hauling | 87 77 | |
| " " Lumber | 20 00 | |
| " " Labor | 1,844 28 | |
| | | $6,475 15 |
| Total amount expended in 1863 | | $17,736 59 |

The following extensions were made:

| | |
|---|---|
| New Market House | 120 feet. |
| Craig street | 190 " |
| East street | 840 " |
| Third street | 110 " |
| | 1260 feet. |

The following is the amount of water pumped in the last six years:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| In 1858 | there were | 641,844,000 | gallons | pumped. |
| In 1859 | " " | 709,128,000 | " | " |
| In 1860 | " " | 712,476,000 | " | " |
| In 1861 | " " | 724,680,000 | " | " |
| In 1862 | " " | 857,212,000 | " | " |
| In 1863 | " " | 972,804,000 | " | " |

The average daily distribution of water

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| In 1858 | was | 1,758,476 | gallons. |
| In 1859 | " | 1,942,816 | " |
| In 1860 | " | 1,951,986 | " |
| In 1861 | " | 1,985,424 | " |
| In 1862 | " | 2,318,800 | " |
| In 1863 | " | 2,665,216 | " |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total Revenue for 1863 | | $50,566 83 |
| " Expenses of running works | $8,787 90 | |
| Salaries | 1,890 00 | |
| Repairs to pipe, &c | 1,116 56 | |
| " Basins | 6,475 15 | |
| New extensions of pipe | 1,356 98 | |
| | | $19,626 59 |
| Net Revenue | | $30,940 24 |

You will see by the increased demand for water, the important necessity of increasing your pumping capacity, as your present pumps are tasked to their full capacity.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ALSTON,
*Superintendent.*

# ANNUAL ASSESSMENT REPORT

OF THE

# ASSESSOR OF THE WATER RENTS.

*To the Honorable Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN:—The annual assessment of the rates to be charged for water, for the year commencing April 1st, 1863, have been made, and a recapitulation of the same, together with statistical facts collected while canvassing the City, are herewith respectfully submitted: Gentlemen: I take pleasure in stating that the increase from water rents for the year 1863, have exceeded my expectation. The aggregate amount of the rates assessed, is $50,526,54—being an increase of $3,066,71 over last year. The following is a detailed report of the assessments made in Allegheny City and vicinity on the various establishments and dwellings using hydrant water, the number of dwellings and saw-mills in the City not supplied with City water, the whole number of families in the City, and the whole number of buildings, and the number of new buildings erected during the past year. The assessment is as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 4,285 | Dwellings pay | $30,846 54 |
| 317 | Dwellings with Stores attached | 2,625 00 |
| 92 | Stores and offices separate from dwellings | 423 00 |
| 122 | Miscellaneous work-shops | 518 00 |
| 17 | Public and private schools | 76 00 |
| 3 | Seminaries | 89 00 |
| 1 | Gymnastic Association | 10 00 |
| 27 | Churches and Halls | 182 00 |
| 1 | House of Industry | 25 00 |
| 8 | Cotton and Woolen Mills | 1,105 00 |
| 2 | Pump manufacturing and log boring | 29 00 |
| 3 | Saw-mills | 160 00 |
| | Amount carried forward, | $36,088 54 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Amount brought forward, | $36,088 54 |
| 6 | Planing, door and sash manufactories | 280 00 |
| 5 | Foundries | 275 00 |
| 3 | Flour Mills | 330 00 |
| 4 | Oil Mills and White Lead Manufactories | 295 00 |
| 5 | Dye houses | 30 00 |
| 28 | Boarding Houses | 345 00 |
| 3 | Machine and edge-tool shops | 225 00 |
| 1 | Bellows factory | 21 00 |
| 1 | Belt factory | 35 00 |
| 1 | Glue factory | 250 00 |
| 1 | Rolling mill | 50 00 |
| 1 | Shoddy factory | 50 00 |
| 21 | Tanneries | 1,626 00 |
| 8 | Turning and Cabinet Shops | 131 00 |
| 19 | Breweries and Beer Halls attached | 1,620 00 |
| 103 | Taverns and Beer Halls | 2,508 00 |
| 5 | Taverns, Cattle and Hog Yards | 1,870 00 |
| 20 | Slaughtering houses | 145 00 |
| 5 | Livery stables | 285 00 |
| 1 | Gas works | 175 00 |
| 1 | Railroad Depot and Station | 1,360 00 |
| 1 | State Prison (128 prisoners and 111 Rebels) | 450 00 |
| 1 | Soap and Candle factory | 40 00 |
| 24 | Bakeries | 105 00 |
| 3 | Bridges | 31 50 |
| 22 | Barber shops | 112 00 |
| 5 | Artists | 45 00 |
| 5 | Rectifying establishments | 75 00 |
| 3 | Vinegar Factories | 32 00 |
| 532 | Horses, buggies and carriages, not including livery stables | 737 00 |
| 212 | Cows | 106 00 |
| 148 | Hose for streets and pavements | 428 00 |

RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|---|---|
| 1st Ward and Manchester | $ 9,510 83 |
| 2d Ward and McClure township | 11,633 50 |
| 3d Ward and Reserve township | 12,152 65 |
| 4th Ward and Duquesne borough | 15,455 15 |
| | $48,752 15 |
| 2d Assessment | 1,403 89 |
| | $50,156 04 |
| Permits for street and pavement hose | 45 25 |
| New buildings not complete | 325 25 |
| Total | $50,526 54 |
| Business Tax | 1,322 75 |

The number of families now supplied with water from the works, is 6,122—being an increase over last year, of 121 families. In 1862 there were fifty-five dwellings, four saw-mills, one

white lead factory, one turning shop and one steel works unsupplied with city water. There yet remain forty-eight dwellings, four saw-mills, one lead factory, one turning shop and one steel works unsupplied with City water. The greater portion of these houses are located in the first and second wards, and on streets and lanes not accessible to the distribution pipes at present laid. The number of unoccupied buildings in the City at the time the canvass was made, was as follows: Eighteen dwellings and seven stores, most of which were vacated for the purpose of being repaired. During the past year 126 new buildings have been erected in the City, at a cost of $275,863, apportioned as follows: First ward, 22; second ward, 43; third ward, 41; fourth ward, 20. Of this number, 92 were dwellings. Over three-fourths of the new buildings have been completed, and are tenanted. The remainder will be finished early in the Spring. The greater portion of the dwellings were of medium size, and of that class in such general demand, that twice the number might be rented. There has also been considerable enlarging, re-fitting and altering going on throughout the City, which does not appear in the above list.

The City of Allegheny has six Public Schools, apportioned as follows: 1st ward, 1; 2d ward, 2; 3d ward, 1; 4th ward, 2. The number of pupils in attendance is 6,457.

The number of Private Schools in the City is as follows: 1st ward, 3 schools, 90 pupils; 2d ward, 4 schools, 120 pupils; 3d ward, 5 schools, 268 pupils; 4th ward, 5 schools, 392 pupils; same ward, 3 Catholic schools, 850 pupils. Total, 1,720. Public and private schools, total, 8,177 pupils.

The City has three Seminaries, apportioned as follows: 1st ward, 1 Old School Presbyterian, 109 students; 2d ward, 1 United Presbyterian, 52 students; 4th ward, 1 Covenanter, 7 students. Total, 168.

The City contains 5,260 buildings, apportioned as follows: 1st ward, 1,018; 2d ward, 1,142; 3d ward, 1,522; 4th ward, 1,578. The whole number of separate and distinct families in the City the time the canvass was made, was 6,065, apportioned as follows: 1st ward, 1,021; 2d ward, 1,145, 3d ward, 1,934; 4th ward, 1,965—being an increase of 97 families over last year.

From this statement, it will be seen that about one-sixth of the families are compelled to rent and occupy parts of houses, which many of them would not do if they could obtain small houses. The City is gradually increasing in population and buildings, and, with proper care and attention to the assessments, a corresponding increase may be expected in the revenue from water rents.

Gentlemen ; In closing up my official relations at the end of another year, permit me to return you my sincere thanks for the uniform confidence and trust reposed in me during the entire period I have occupied the office of Water Assessor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. DAVIS.

# REPORT OF THE STEWARD OF THE POOR FARM.
## 1863.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| No. of Paupers on hand, Jan. 1, | | 90 |
| " " admitted since, | | 81 |
| " " born, | | 5 |
| | | 176 |
| " " discharged, | 66 | |
| " " died, | 14 | |
| | | 80 |
| No. on hand Dec. 31, 1863, | | 96 |

Average No. for the year, 98; whole cost of whom, exclusive of Out Door Relief, is $8,065 47; from which deduct receipts, $1,564 77=$6,500 70 to be paid by tax.

Cost of each pauper to the City per year, $66 32
" " " " " " week, 1 27

### INSANE DEPARTMENT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| No. paying board, | | 1 |
| " City paupers, | | 15 |
| | | 16 |
| " Males, | | 4 |
| " Females, | | 12 |
| " Discharged during the year, restored | | 4 |
| " " from Insane Department, partially restored, | | 2 |

## RECEIPTS.

| 1863. | From Fines. | Building Paupers. | Market. | Burials: Ground. | Out Door Relief. | Miscellaneous. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January, | ..... | ..... | ..... | $61 80 | $300 00 | ..... |
| February, | $52 00 | ..... | ..... | 29 44 | 21 20 | ..... |
| March, | ..... | ..... | ..... | 45 00 | ..... | ..... |
| April, | 30 00 | $293 00 | $701 12 | 46 00 | ..... | ..... |
| May, | $48 00 | ..... | ..... | 32 00 | ..... | ..... |
| June, | ..... | ..... | ..... | 31 75 | ..... | ..... |
| July, | 50 00 | ..... | ..... | 32 70 | ..... | ..... |
| August, | ..... | ..... | ..... | 24 00 | 3 45 | ..... |
| September, | 50 00 | 130 00 | 81 25 | 59 37 | 50 00 | ..... |
| October, | ..... | 81 25 | 30 00 | 50 00 | ..... | ..... |
| November, | 45 00 | 51 00 | 140 27 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| December, | ..... | ..... | 83 95 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | ..... | ..... | 59 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | ..... | ..... | 58 40 | 6,503 70 | 306 60 | ..... |
| Totals, | $193 00 | $293 00 | $701 12 | $6,503 70 | $736 00 | $374 65 |

## EXPENDITURES.

| 1863. | Salaries. | Labor. | Flour. | Groceries. | Shoes. | Dry Goods. | Soap and Candles. | Hardware. | Meat. | Coal. | Drugs. | Repairs. | Building. | Out Door Relief, General. | Out Door Relief, Hospital. | Miscellaneous. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January, | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | $61 84 | $ | $15 51 |
| February, | ..... | ..... | ..... | 83 85 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 53 44 | | 53 15 |
| March, | $300 00 | $0 55 | $137 24 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 50 44 | | 111 65 |
| April, | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 46 48 | | 45 10 |
| May, | ..... | 72 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 40 00 | | 95 10 |
| June, | ..... | 20 50 | 97 73 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 33 70 | | 1 18 |
| July, | ..... | 340 04 | 76 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 50 37 | | 115 03 |
| August, | 300 00 | 68 23 | 27 88 | 612 09 | ..... | 309 00 | 42 89 | 15 86 | 188 13 | 50 26 | 216 00 | ..... | ..... | 35 62 | | 23 63 |
| September, | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 40 97 | 11 06 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 40 00 | | 78 43 |
| October, | ..... | 129 30 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 75 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 62 80 | | 48 26 |
| November, | 300 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | | 161 13 |
| December, | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 240 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | | 364 03 |
| | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 180 00 | ..... | ..... | 16 70 | ..... | ..... | | |
| Totals, | $1,290 00 | $1,060 39 | $733 33 | $1,390 69 | $ 107 02 | $695 95 | $ 91 59 | $ 34 86 | $488 95 | $683 13 | $ 86 22 | $233 39 | ..... | $673 13 | $62 89 | $1169 35 |

# INVENTORY OF STOCK, PRODUCE, &c.

| | |
|---|---|
| 2 Horses, | $ 200 00 |
| 1 Mule, | 200 00 |
| 7 Cows, | 140 00 |
| 4 Wagons, Cart, &c., | 200 00 |
| Hogs and Pigs, | 50 00 |
| Pork, | 100 00 |
| Farming Utensils, | 150 00 |
| Hot-bed Sash, | 150 00 |
| Manure on hand, | 75 00 |
| 150 bushels Rye, | 150 00 |
| Amount carried up, | $1,415 00 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount brought up, | $1,415 00 |
| 50 " Corn, | 50 00 |
| 75 " Oats, 70 cts | 52 50 |
| 300 " Potatoes, | 300 00 |
| Beets and Cabbage, | 175 00 |
| Parsnips and Carrots, | 75 00 |
| 20 tons Hay, $40, | 800 00 |
| Straw, &c., | 100 00 |
| | $2,975 50 |

# RECAPITULATION.

### RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| From fines per J. Dyer, Esq | $ 48 00 |
| " " " Jas. Miller, Esq | 145 00 |
| " Boarding Paupers | 293 00 |
| " Marketing | 701 12 |
| " Requisitions | 6,503 70 |
| " Out door relief | 736 02 |
| " Miscellaneous | 374 65 |
| | $8,801 49 |

Amount of requisitions drawn for bills of 1862, and not reported above.....$2,001 94

### EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Acc't. Salaries | | $1,290 00 |
| " Labor | | 1,060 39 |
| " Flour | | 733 33 |
| " Groceries | | 1,390 69 |
| " Shoes | | 107 02 |
| " Dry Goods | | 695 95 |
| " Soap and Candles | | 91 59 |
| " Hardware | | 34 86 |
| " Wheat | | 488 95 |
| " Coal | | 683 13 |
| " Drugs | | 86 22 |
| " Repairs | | 233 39 |
| " Out door relief, gen'l | $673 13 | |
| " " hospital | 62 89 | |
| | | $ 736 02 |
| " Miscellaneous | | 1,169 35 |
| | | $8,801 49 |

**Dr.** David Macferron, Treasurer, in account with the Directors of the Poor of the City of Allegheny. **Cr.**

| 1864. | | | 1864. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 13, | To Balance, | $ 9 27 | Jan. 13, | By 55 Warrants paid, | $6,362 87 |
| " | Taxes paid on Duplicate of 1860, | 8 93 | " | Order of Directors of Poor for | 1,637 13 |
| " " " " " " | 1862, | 809 52 | | | |
| " " " " " " | 1863, | 6,190 85 | | | |
| " | Deficiency of requisition, paid by City, | 981 43 | | | |
| | | $8,000 00 | | | $8,000 00 |

## REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

ON

# TOWN HALL AND NEW MARKET HOUSE.

*To the Honorable, the Select and Common Councilmen of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, "Commissioners for the erection of a City Hall, Market House," &c., in the City of Allegheny, would respectfully report progress in the duty assigned to them by the joint action of the State Legislature and your honorable bodies.

The undertaking was the erection of a Market House, City Hall, Weigh House, and the improvement of the unoccupied portion of the Diamond Square, without ready means, and without incurring one dollar of liability as against the City. This was sought to be accomplished by the revenue arising from the sale of stalls, and the rents from the same.

Early in the year just closed, the Commissioners advertised the sale of the choice of stalls in the new Market House, then so far completed as to be ready for occupancy. On the 31st day of March, according to public notice, the sale took place.

The net amount of the premiums received at this public sale of the choice of stalls and store rooms, was.....$21,978 00
viz:

| | |
|---|---|
| For choice of Butchers' stalls | $15,945 |
| " " Gardeners' stands | 4,833 |
| " " Store rooms | 1,200 |

The annual rents received from stalls, stands and corner rooms in the new Market House, are$12,106 91
viz:

| | |
|---|---|
| From Butchers' stalls | $5,820 00 |
| " Gardeners' stands | 2,947 67 |
| " Three corner rooms | 1,400 00 |
| " Transient occupants | 1,939 24 |

| | |
|---|---|
| The revenue of the old Market House in 1862, was viz: | $4,500 00 |
| Annual gain on income | $ 7,606 91 |
| Add amount of premium received | 21,978 00 |
| Total gain in 1863 | $29,584 91 |
| Total cost of new Market House viz: | $29,699 88 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount per Contract of White & Alexander | $14,875 00 |
| " " Castings, wrought iron, tressel, brick, &c. | 1,950 10 |
| " " Shed and transoms | 2,071 77 |
| " " Butchers' stalls | 4,473 26 |
| " " Garden stands | 589 09 |
| Commissions, Barr & Moser, Architects | 729 02 |
| Models for keys | 86 00 |
| Insurance | 50 50 |
| Miscellaneous labor | 19 50 |
| Whitewashing | 90 00 |
| Advertising | 126 00 |
| Meat hooks | 428 00 |
| Paving | 2,060 34 |
| Gas fitting | 582 00 |
| Federal tax on contract | 52 85 |
| Auctioneer fees | 100 00 |
| Gas cocks | 41 25 |
| Building four vaults | 1,210 06 |
| M. McGonigle for clerical services | 150 00 |
| Hydrant | 15 14 |
| | $29,699 88 |

It will thus be observed that the premiums received for the choice of location, with the gain on the annual rent for one single year, has paid the entire cost of your magnificent, comfortable and commodious Market House—including all cost of saleless $114,97—clearly vindicating the wisdom and sound finan, cial policy of that enterprise.

The work on the remaining portion of the contract has been prosecuted with what vigor the contractors could command. The increased cost and scarcity of labor and materials has somewhat delayed the work upon the City Hall. That fine building is now under roof, however, and the offices designed for the use of the City officials, it is hoped, will be ready for occupancy at the first of April next. The Council chambers will not be ready for the use of Councils, for, probably, six months thereafter.

The Commissioners feel themselves warranted in acknowledging the active efforts of Messrs. Barr & Moser, the architects, Messrs. White & Alexander, the contractors, and Mr. Dallas, your efficient Clerk of Markets, in prosecuting to so successful completion, the work of erecting and organizing your new Market House.

Ere another annual report is made to Councils, your Commissioners hope to render a final account of the duty entrusted to them.

It is due to James Marshall, Esq., the Treasurer selected by your Commissioners, to state, that while they have regularly drawn their warrants upon the Treasury for all estimates due as per contract,—and while such warrants, according to the terms of the City ordinance and Act of Assembly creating this Commission, are not legally due and payable until the Treasury is in funds from receipts from rents,—all such warrants have hitherto been promptly cashed on presentation. No difficulty is apprehended in completing the contract, although the expenditure will henceforth be very considerably in advance of the income.

WM. WALKER,
A. C. ALEXANDER,
SAM'L. RIDDLE,
JNO. WRIGHT,
JOS. KIRKPATRICK,
*Commissioners.*

ALLEGHENY, Pa., January 14th, 1853.

# Report of Committee on City Property.

*To the Honorable, the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on City property would respectfully report, that they have leased the following Lots in the plan of the Seminary purchase during the year 1863: Numbers 35, 34, 33, and half of Lot No. 32; also Lot No. 28, for the annual rental of ninety-six dollars, ($96) thus adding to the revenue of the City.

There remain three Lots, and one half Lot, which can be leased, on Marshall street, and your Committee would recommend their successors to take such measures as may be necessary to have said Lots leased.

The remaining Lots in the plan are so elevated above the grade of the streets, that they are not available for leasing, unless the City would grant a lease of the whole Southern side of the hill for a vineyard, which might be practicable. Your Committee would recommend this project to the consideration of their successors.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY IRVIN,
H. M. DUNLAP,
JNO. WRIGHT,
J. H. BORLAND,
J. C. PATTERSON.

January 15th, 1864.

# Report of Committee on Numbering Houses, &c.

*To the Select and Common Councils of Allegheny City:*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on naming and numbering the streets report that they have made a contract with McKenna & Brother, to make all the plates wanted for the streets, lanes and alleys of the City of Allegheny, at six and one-fourth cents per letter—Roman capitals, two inches wide and two inches high—all made in a good workmanlike manner, and finished by the 1st of March, 1864. And also made a contract with William McHendry to put them all up, on or before the 1st of April, 1864—both under a penalty of one hundred dollars each, to have their contracts finished on or before the above dates.

Also, that there are now about three hundred of the plates cast, and would have been put up but for the cold weather we have had.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE HUTCHISON, Chairman,
S. BARKER,
JNO. L. L. KNOX.

January 14th, 1864.

# Report of Committee on Wharves and Landings.

*To the Honorable, the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny*:

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Wharves and Landings, in making their annual statement, would respectfully report, that the gross revenue derived from the wharves and landings, for the year 1863, has been.....$1,209 09
One-fourth of this sum has been retained by the Wharf Master for his compensation, making..... 302 27

Leaving the net revenue..... $906 82

Mr. Maxwell, the Wharf-Master, has expended for check-posts, repairs, and removing obstructions, $11,50. His bill was not reported to the Committee in time to have it properly authenticated. We would therefore respectfully recommend to the incoming Councils, that a warrant be drawn in his favor for the above sum of $11,50.

We cannot forbear, in closing our report, recommending our successors the propriety of making liberal improvements upon our wharves and landings, so as to accommodate the increasing commerce of our city.

Very respectfully submitted.

R. B. FRANCIS,
HENRY IRWIN,
W. C. STOCKTON,
JOHN M. TATE.

# Report of the Committee on Engines.

*To the Honorable, the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Engines, in submitting their annual statement, would respectfully report, that the whole amount expended by the City for the Fire Department in 1863, including the purchase of the Steam Fire Engine "Hope," amounted to the sum of $5,320 72, as follows:

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| Paid to three Hose Companies | $1,164 25 |
| Repairs | 231 95 |
| Hope and Columbia Hose Companies | 224 52 |
| Steam Fire Engine "Hope" | 3,500 00 |
| Stable and Harness | 200 00 |
| | $5,320 72 |

The Committee would also state that they have contracted with the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company for another Steam Fire Engine, a duplicate of the "Hope," for $3,500 00; and also with R. H. Hartley & Co., for the manufacture of 1,000 feet of ten-inch Hose. Both of the foregoing contracts are to be completed early in March, 1864

Respectfully submitted.

AND'W. D. SMITH,
S. BARKER,
J. HOPKINS,
WM. S. BISSELL,
J. H. CAMPBELL.

# Report of the Committee on Printing.

*To the Honorable, the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Printing, would, in making their annual exhibit, respectfully report, that the whole amount expended by the City, for printing, &c, for which warrants have been drawn on the Treasurer, for 1863, amounts to $459 65, asfollows:

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| Stationery, Blank Books, &c. | $199 05 |
| Newspapers and Job Printing | 260 60 |
| | $459 65 |

Respectfully submitted.

WM. F. DILL,
J. C. PATTERSON,
JOHN ATWELL,
J. HECKADORN,
B. PATTERSON,

# Report of the Committee on Gas.

*To the Honorable, the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny:*

GENTLEMEN;—The Committee on Gas, in making their annual statement of expenditures, would respectfully report, that the whole number of Public Lamps now lighted by the Company within the limits of the City, is two hundred and thirty (230).

The cost to the City for Gas consumed, cleaning, repairing, erecting new posts and lamps for the year 1863, has been $5,096 12, as follows:

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| Gas consumed in Mayor's Office, Market, Town House and City Lamps | $4,686 37 |
| Repairs, new posts, lamps, glass, &c. | 409 75 |
| | $5,096 12 |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROB'T. THOMPSON, Chairman.
WM. F. DILL,
WM. SMITH,
JOHN ATWELL,
JNO. L. L. KNOX,

# Report from the City Solicitor.

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny :*

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the article of the City Code, relating to the duties of the City Solicitor, which your Honorable bodies have informally adopted, I respectfully submit the following statement of the affairs of the Legal Department of the City.

As this report is the first yet presented from that department, and as many of the topics which will be embraced herein, became of interest before the year which has just ended, I have deemed it proper not to confine myself to the limits of the past twelve months.

It is with great pleasure that I refer to the present favorable condition of the affairs of the City, as contrasted with their condition when my official knowledge of them began. The cumbersome, expensive and unsatisfactory mode of collecting the City taxes, which had theretofore prevailed, had just yielded to the present system. The operations of the first year, under the new law, demonstrated its immense superiority, although the novelty of the principle during that and the succeeding year, interfered, to some degree, with the entire success of collections under it. Thus, in 1861, a large amount of taxes, comparatively speaking, remained unpaid, and certificates were placed in my hands for the collection of the same. By frequent advertising, I succeeded in securing a large amount of these taxes before costs were incurred, while of the remainder, the larger proportion was paid before the day fixed for the sale of the Real Estate bound. At the sale I purchased for the City, and still hold for its use, the following property:

Bernard Toner's lot on Centre Alley,.....22x50 feet,
Mrs. Dougherty's heirs, property on Fairmont Street,.....25x100 feet,
Wm Hill's property, Fairmont Street,.....25x150 feet.

Of other certificates in my hands for that year, many were not proceeded on, owing to the fact that the particular property bound for the delinquent taxes, had not been specified, while with others, after proceedings had been commenced, the writs were stayed because the assessors had returned insufficient descriptions of the property—often so meagre indeed were they, that the street even, upon which the property was situated was not mentioned. Since that year no certificates of unpaid taxes have been placed in my hands for collection, so that it is but a fair presumption that the system is completely successful in its workings. The law however needs amendment, especially with reference to the proceedings for sale.

In 1862 the old system of street openings, was superseded by the present equitable law. The old law placed the burden of paying the costs and expenses and damages occasioned in the opening of streets in the City, upon the municipal treasury, so that all bore alike those expenses, regardless of the fact that individuals might be enriched by such improvements. The justice of the principle, that a local community, considered with reference to the Commonwealth at large, should bear the burden of making all its thoroughfares is conceded, although that community has no rights in the streets at all, and its citizens have only rights therein in common with all the other citizens of the Commonwealth; and the extension of that principle to the individual property owner, and the searching out of private benefit with a view to assessing upon it its just proportion of the cost of procuring that benefit, is equally just and correct.

The new law founded upon this principle, relieves the public treasury and permits every needed improvement. The law reposes in your Honorable bodies, who are the immediate representatives of the people, the power of determining the necessity and expediency of such improvements, while the rights of every individual are sedulously guarded.

It is now in successful operation. Green Street and Long Alley in the 3d Ward, Ridge Street in the 1st Ward, Fremont and Monterey Streets in the 2d Ward, River Avenue in the 4th Ward and several alleys in various parts of the City, have been

opened. At one time under the old law, the damages assessed for the opening of Ridge Street were $63,000 while it has been opened under the new law, at a cost but little over $500. The proceedings first instituted for the opening of Allegheny Avenue were not sustained, owing to the inequality of assessment on Mrs. Denny's property. The new proceedings have been stayed by Councils, pending negotiations with the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad Company.

The sewer law is based upon the same principle, although the sewer system of the City has not yet been commenced.

The grading and paving liens of the City, are nearly all collected, or are in process of collection. Although most of the questions arising under the law have been settled in the Schenley and Darlington cases, there remained the grave question, whether the City was liable to bear her proportion of the cost of grading and paving streets bordering upon public property. The streets on the Common ground, public squares and those along the Canal and River remained unimproved in consequence. Finally, under the opinion of the Solicitor, a portion of Union Avenue was paved and the claims thereunder put in suit. It was contended in behalf of the City that the fundamental principle of the law was to throw the whole burden of such improvements, and not a part of it, upon private property; and that although on ordinary streets, where private property was situated on either side, the whole cost was practically divided, so that each side was only bound for one half of the amount, such division was dependent upon location merely, and not upon the terms of the law. This position was sustained by the Supreme Court, and under its decision several of the streets about the Public Squares have been improved.

I have purchased, and now hold, for the City, the property of Catherine Downey and others, situate on Rebecca Street, and of Sproat's heirs situate on Allegheny Avenue, sold at judicial sale for unpaid grading and paving claims.

The claim of the City for Nelson's Island, as the owner of the fee, has been abandoned, from failure to find the alleged deeds of conveyance, vesting the title in the City. An indictment for obstructing the public highway, however, will be shortly prepared for the purpose of testing the position, that all the ground,

lying between the upper line of Bank Lane and the open water, is a public highway, dedicated by the Commonwealth in the laying out of the Reserve tract.

The great questions in the Legal Department have been those arising on the Rail Road bond issues. At the commencement of the year 1862 the Treasury was virtually locked up under mandamus executions, which had issued to a very large amount. No compromise had been effected, and the prospect seemed certain that all the unpaid coupons would speedily be merged into judgments. Now, however, the judgments are removed, and all save $28,000 of our Rail Road bonds have been honorably arranged upon a very favorable basis of redemption. These are the results, and they sufficiently indicate the sagacity of those who have had the management of the City's interests.

From my position I officially know, and deem it my duty to mention in this report, as a fact generally unknown, that Messrs Howe, King and Park, and all the members of the Finance Committee, to secure these results, have been almost constantly, until very recently, under the gravest pecuniary responsibilities, without security, save in the honor of the City. Had they not manifested this unselfish devotion to the interests of the community which you represent, I am free to say the financial affairs of the City could not possibly have presented so fair an appearance as they do at this time. And while our citizens congratulate themselves on their increasing public prosperity, they will doubtless, as they should, honor the faithful agents to whom that prosperity is in the greatest measure due.

Respectfully submitted.

S. SCHOYER, Jr.
Solicitor for Allegheny.

January 14, 1864.